



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes Older Tennesseans Month in May in correlation with Older Americans Month as proclaimed by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Administration for Community Living; and

WHEREAS, older Tennesseans are valued members of society who deserve recognition for their contributions and to thrive in their communities and live as independently as possible with the supports they need; and

WHEREAS, the proportion of Tennessee's population that is 60 and older is growing more rapidly than any other component of the population, and more than twenty-four percent (24%) of Tennessee's population will be 60 and older by the year 2030, as projected by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation for the Aging, Inc. (TFA), established in 1969, serves as the only statewide, non-profit entity, made up of various for-profit, non-profit, and governmental agencies, as well as individual older Tennesseans, and serves as the voice for advocacy for older Tennesseans and service providers across Tennessee's aging network; and

WHEREAS, the TFA is a collaboration of the Tennessee Area Agencies on Aging & Disability, the Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition, the Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability, Human Resource Agencies, Development Districts, Senior Citizens' Centers, Offices on Aging, Long-Term Care Facilities, Home & Community Based (in-home) Service Providers, Alzheimer's Tennessee, Faith-Based Organizations, and other providers and persons of interest in serving and/or advocating for older Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by: promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement; emphasizing home and community based services that support independent living, and ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as

Older Tennesseans Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this seventeenth day of May, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Kergett

Secretary of State