



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important for all citizens, and especially our young people, to understand and value the founding documents of our country, including the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the virtuous principles found in these exceptional documents have not only helped to preserve our fundamental liberties in the United States, but have also served as an example and a beacon of freedom for the whole world; and

**WHEREAS**, TCA § 49-6-1014, enacted by the General Assembly in 2017, establishes "Celebrate Freedom Week" to have our state's public schools "educate students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values upon which this country was founded"; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2019 legislative session, further recognizing the essential need to equip students with knowledge to maximize their role as a good citizen, we have established the "Governors Civics Seal" to recognize public schools and local education agencies that implement high-quality civic education programs that prepare students for career and civic life;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2020 as

## *Celebrate Freedom Week*

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 fourth day of August, 2020.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joel Hurt*

Secretary of State