



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, more than 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care annually from the nation's hospice and palliative care programs in communities throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice offers a distinctive way of caring for terminally ill patients and their families, enabling them to live comfortably and peacefully with dignity in their final days; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care offer those they serve the high quality of care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals and trained volunteers that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and more; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all individuals to learn more about options of care and to share their final wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals;

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

## *Hospice and Palliative Care 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 eighth day of September, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State