



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is also Tennessee's largest youth development organization, having supported approximately 175,000 youth across the state annually; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H has helped over one million Tennesseans to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is delivered jointly by the University of Tennessee Extension system and Tennessee State University Extension, both members of Cooperative Extension - a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Tennessee who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4-10, 2020 as

*4-H 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 twenty-second day of September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Hargett".

Secretary of State

