



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, a/k/a, TSBDC, has provided small business assistance - starting and growing Tennessee's small businesses and building the economy one business at a time; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic in the past year, the TSBDC was able to counsel 9,683 start-up and existing business clients; access to capital of over \$194.19M; training for 12,000+ attendees; and 32,000+ new jobs were created; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Tennessee Small Business Development Center has helped Tennessee to become a nationwide leader in job creation and small business growth; and

WHEREAS, March 17, 2021 has been designated as National SBDC Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2021 as

SBDC Day

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-sixth day of January, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Hargrett

Secretary of State