



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed in Tennessee, throughout the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the planting and proper maintenance of landscape trees enhances the economic vitality of business areas, increases property values, cuts heating and cooling costs, moderates the temperature, cleans our air, beautifies our communities, and improves our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a unique celebration, focusing not on the past but on the future; and,

WHEREAS, All Tennesseans want to work to conserve and perpetuate our heritage of trees and forests across the state; and recognize that trees are a source of joy and personal renewal, and play an instrumental role in the health, education, and social well-being of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Arbor Day is to encourage the planting of trees to enhance our rural and urban landscapes, provide forest products and jobs for forest industries, reduce the erosion of our topsoil, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the state wishes to recognize the City of Winchester for hosting the State Arbor Day Celebration, and congratulate them on their 1st Tree City Anniversary;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2021 as

Tennessee Arbor Day

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 sixteenth day of February, 2021.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Wargatt".

Secretary of State

