



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disability that affects an estimated 1 in 64 Tennessee children and thousands more Tennessee adults of every background and demographic; and

**WHEREAS**, autistic Tennesseans have the same rights, needs, and dreams as all Tennesseans, but continue to face barriers to full acceptance and participation in the world around them; and

**WHEREAS**, our state is stronger when all citizens have the services and supports they need to be fully included, contributing members of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the value of every person and commit to a culture of acceptance and celebration of every individual;

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

*Autism Acceptance 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 twelfth day of March, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Sei Vargott*

Secretary of State