



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes Older Tennesseans Month in May in accordance with Older Americans Month as proclaimed by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Administration for Community Living; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to a growing number of older Americans who have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the proportion of Tennessee's population that is 60 and older is growing more rapidly than any other component of the population, and more than twenty-four percent (24%) of Tennessee's population will be 60 and older by the year 2030, as projected by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, older Tennesseans are valued members of society who deserve recognition for their contributions and to thrive in their communities and live as independently as possible with the supports they need; and

WHEREAS, we can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement; emphasizing home and community based services that support independent living, and ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are urged to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee can foster communities of strength by creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other; engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience;

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

Older Tennesseans 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 twenty-second day of March, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jo Knight

Secretary of State