



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Goodwill Industries provides job training and upskilling to people of all ability levels, assisting them in overcoming barriers, such as disability, socio-economic challenges, etc., they face when trying to enter or grow within today's workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodwill changes lives and strengthens families by helping people reach their full potential through community-relevant job training, work experiences, and career services; and

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, Goodwill Industries adapted training programs for virtual interaction with those seeking employment and enhancement of job skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodwill Industries Knoxville, Inc. is celebrating 50 years of service to Knox and its fourteen surrounding counties, while Goodwill Industries International is celebrating its 119<sup>th</sup> year of service; and

**WHEREAS**, revenue from the sale of donated goods supports Goodwill's Education and Training programs and in the last year Goodwill Industries-Knoxville served 2,357 individuals and had 2,192 positive program completions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **Goodwill Industries-Knoxville**, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3 – May 7, 2021, as

*Goodwill Industries 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 fourteenth day of April, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Mangitt*

Secretary of State