



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the 109th General Assembly passed The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, sponsored by Senator Massey, Senator Yager, Senator Dickerson, and Senator Norris in the Senate and by Representative Hardaway, Representatives Brooks and Representative McManus in the House. Public Chapter 470 was signed into law in May 2015 by Governor Bill Haslam to enable Tennessee to offer the ABLE TN program to Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, ABLE TN is a program of the Tennessee Treasury Department; and

WHEREAS, June 16, 2021 marks the fifth anniversary of ABLE TN; and

WHEREAS, ABLE TN provides Tennesseans with disabilities the opportunity to save and invest with tax-free earnings to help them maintain independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, over \$30.13 million has been saved to cover qualified disability expenses such as education, assistive technology, and housing for more than 2,580 ABLE TN account beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, \$5.76 million or 19.12 percent of the total amount saved through ABLE TN represents investment earnings; and

WHEREAS, ABLE TN accounts can be established online with as little as \$25 to start; and

WHEREAS, ABLE TN makes it possible for individuals with disabilities to save for the future without jeopardizing their eligibility for critical federal benefits;

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

ABLE to Save 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 sixteenth day of April, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

DeWitt

Secretary of State