



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter, while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, young adults, and families today is fundamental to the future of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them with better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about the warning signs of mental health disorders and identify where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth, young adults, and families places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee is prioritizing the mental health of our children by investing in a Mental Health Trust Fund to ensure students have access to mental health resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2 – May 9, 2021 as

*Children's Mental Health Awareness 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 twenty-first day of April, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Mangott*

Secretary of State