



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is essential to the overall health and well-being of every Tennessean; and

**WHEREAS**, all Tennesseans face challenges in life that can impact their mental well-being, especially during a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention and treatment are effective ways to reduce the impact of behavioral health conditions allowing people to achieve recovery and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, there are practical tools that all people can use to improve their mental well-being and increase resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, house of faith, organization, and citizen share the impact of mental health well-being and has a responsibility to promote mental well-being and support prevention and treatment efforts;

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools are called upon to commit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health well-being, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental well-being, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with behavioral health conditions;

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

*Behavioral Health Awareness 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 sixth day of May, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State