



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established a Continental Army to secure the common defense of the original 13 colonies during the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, John Sevier and Isaac Shelby led Overmountain Men to Victory in the Battle of Kings Mountain, which halted the British invasion of North Carolina and Thomas Jefferson claimed was “the turn of the tide of success” during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Col. Andrew Jackson and 5,000 Volunteers destroyed Creek military power in 1814, then, drove the British out of Pensacola, Fla., secured Mobile, Ala., and rendezvoused with their fellow Tennesseans to defeat the British in the Battle of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, President James K. Polk, a Tennessee native, requested 2,800 Tennessee Volunteers for the Mexican-American War and 30,000 Tennesseans offered their services, which solidified Tennessee as the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army exists to preserve the Republic and defend the liberty and freedom of its citizens and national security interests; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Tennessee served our country as members of the United States Army and gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this nation; and

WHEREAS, it is proper to recognize the United States Army annually on its birthday and thank those who have served and those who are presently serving our nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2021, as the

246th Birthday of the United States Army

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-seventh day of May, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Ruggatt

Secretary of State