



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee has prioritized academic gains for students over the past decade, and most recently in the K-12 crisis response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's districts, schools, teachers, elected officials, and education stakeholders understand the importance of supporting literacy and the unique opportunity to further outcomes for our students from state and federal relief funding; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is investing in optional and free reading resources and supports to ensure our early learners are given every opportunity to become proficient readers by 3rd grade; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes the importance of focusing on early literacy development; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is committed to continuing to improve literacy rates across the state because reading is for ALL and is the key to a successful future;

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

Tennessee Literacy Month

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 July, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State