



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, our nation's founders understood that freedom of the press and an informed citizenry are cornerstones of a democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Press Association has been championing the common interests of Tennessee newspapers and the ideals of a free press in a democratic society since 1871; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Press Association's Sesquicentennial Anniversary is an opportunity to remind citizens of the necessity of a free press, and emphasize the importance of newspapers in fostering accountability, transparency, improved public policy, citizen participation and government responsiveness in the everyday lives of citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 27, 2021 as a date to honor the

*150th Anniversary of the
Tennessee Press Association*

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 ninth day of August, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

