



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, hunger and poverty are issues of deep concern in the United States and the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, hunger is a reality for one in seven Tennesseans, including one in six children under the age of 18 who do not have access to nutritious food; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 1 million Tennesseans hunger is diminishing the capacity for children to learn, exacerbating the ill health conditions of seniors, and burdening the strength of the working poor; and

**WHEREAS**, children, families and seniors across the State of Tennessee depend on support from Feeding America member food banks and its network of food pantries, food kitchens, childcare facilities, senior centers, and other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, businesses, charities, and government all have a role to play in getting food to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, food banks across the country, including five in the State of Tennessee: Chattanooga Area Food Bank, Mid-South Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee, are working to bring awareness and are encouraging involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local communities;

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

*Hunger Action 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 twenty-third day of August, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Mangit*

Secretary of State