



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Bays Mountain Park and Planetarium in Kingsport, Tennessee is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021, having opened to visitors in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Bays Mountain Park is home to an ecological diverse 3,550 acre nature preserve and is one of the nation's largest city-owned parks; and

WHEREAS, Bays Mountain Park adds to Tennessee's rich natural environment, including approximately 40 miles of trails, a state-of-the-art planetarium, wildlife habitats and exhibits, a 44-acre lake, and an adventure ropes course; and

WHEREAS, Bays Mountain Park has over 200,000 visitors annually, including school groups and family trips from around the state and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Bays Mountain Park's emphasis on education, preservation and outdoor adventure provides abundant opportunity to explore, while promoting improved health and wellness and positive economic impact in the region; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the efforts to preserve and promote this unique place to enjoy nature and both recreate and learn outdoors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2021, as

Bays Mountain Park 50th Anniversary Day

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 October, 2021.



Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State