



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Donor Services and Mid-South Transplant Foundation, Inc. in partnership with Donate Life Tennessee are indebted to and wish to honor all Tennessee County Clerks for their support of organ donation and the Tennessee County Clerk Organ Donor Awareness Foundation which is dedicated to the education of Tennesseans regarding the importance of organ and tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, 41 County Clerk offices provide license renewal service for Tennessee drivers and further encourage individuals to register as organ and tissue donors; and

**WHEREAS**, County Clerks and their dedicated staff encourage Tennesseans, while registering their automobiles, to support the Tennessee County Clerk Organ Donor Awareness Foundation's mission to save lives through organ and tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 100,000 Americans are awaiting a lifesaving organ; more than 3,000 of whom are Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, 449 Tennesseans gave the gift of life through organ donation, saving 1,317 lives, and improving thousands more through tissue donation; and

**WHEREAS**, one organ donor can save the lives of as many as eight people and one tissue donor can improve the lives of more than 75 others; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee County Clerks strive to increase awareness of the enormous, life-saving impact of organ and tissue donation and support the work of Tennessee Donor Services, Mid-South Transplant Foundation, Inc., and Donate Life America through their Foundation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 1-5, 2021 as

*County Clerk Appreciation Week*

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-ninth day of October, 2021.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State