



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to U.S. children 1 to 17 years old; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the child mortality rate for Tennessee was 57.1 deaths per 100,000 children and continues to exceed the 2019 national rate (47.4 per 100,000); and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 860 deaths occurred in children under age 18 years in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death to children 1 to 17 years old in the State; and

WHEREAS, many of these injuries and deaths are preventable with the use of safety practices and equipment and the implementation of strong legislation; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, state agencies, community organizations, and other partners are crucial in promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is committed to promoting efforts in reducing injuries among children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021 as

Child Injury Prevention 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 twenty-ninth day of October, 2021.



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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Scott R. Bullock".

Secretary of State