



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**Whereas**, children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

**Whereas**, schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multitiered supports; and

**Whereas**, children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and

**Whereas**, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, and support of culturally diverse student populations; and

**Whereas**, school psychology has more than 60 years of well established, widely recognized, and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in NASP's Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services; and

**Whereas**, school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

**Whereas**, school psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and

**Whereas**, school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, the Honorable Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 8-12, 2021, as

*School Psychology Awareness 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 eighteenth day of November 2021.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Ruskott".

Secretary of State

