



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies was established through the leadership of its first director, Dr. William Pollard (1911-1989), who successfully built the necessary support of both the federal government and 14 southern schools to earn a charter of incorporation from the Tennessee Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, ORINS was incorporated in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on October 17, 1946; and throughout its history has provided innovative scientific and technical solutions for the U.S. Department of Energy and other federal agencies to advance national priorities in science, health, and education; and

WHEREAS, because of rapid expansion and growth in scope of work and capabilities, the ORINS Council of Sponsoring Institutions changed the organization's name to Oak Ridge Associated Universities on January 1, 1966, thereby solidifying ORAU's true role in the academic and research communities; and

WHEREAS, ORAU manages the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, a U.S. Department of Energy asset that is dedicated to enabling critical scientific, research, and health initiatives of the department and its laboratory system; and

WHEREAS, ORAU and ORISE are focused on developing the next generation of scientists and engineers, and have placed more than 100,000 participants into fellowships and internships; and

WHEREAS, ORINS and ORAU have been home to several scientific and research projects throughout its history, including extensive research and work in the fields of nuclear medicine, emergency preparedness, radiation emergency medicine, environmental assessments, worker health, and worker communication.

WHEREAS, ORAU now comprises a consortium of more than 127 academic research institutions, continues to be a steadfast employer, and a strong economic driver in the Tennessee Valley Corridor and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, ORAU annually supports many worthwhile organizations in our communities through sponsorships, grants or material goods, thereby paying it forward and making the communities in which they do business better places to live;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2021 as

75th Anniversary of Oak Ridge Associated Universities 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 twelfth day of October, 2021.

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

Governor

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

Secretary of State

