



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee has prioritized academic gains for students over the past decade, and most recently in the K-12 education response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's districts, schools, teachers, elected officials, and education stakeholders understand the importance of supporting literacy and the unique opportunity to further outcomes for students from state and federal relief funding; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is investing in optional and free reading resources and supports to ensure our early learners are given every opportunity to become proficient readers by 3rd grade; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes the importance of focusing on early literacy development and providing educators with support to teach these essential skills; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is committed to continuing to improve literacy rates across the state because reading is for ALL and is the key to a successful future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Lee, Governor of Tennessee do hereby proclaim March 2022, as;

Tennessee Literacy Month

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 fifteenth day of February 2022.



Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State