



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed in Tennessee, throughout the nation and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the planting and proper maintenance of landscape trees enhances the economic vitality of business areas, increases property values, cuts heating and cooling costs, moderates the temperature, cleans our air, beautifies our communities, and improves our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is a unique celebration, focusing not on the past but on the future; and

**WHEREAS**, All Tennesseans want to work to conserve and perpetuate our heritage of trees and forests across the state; and recognize that trees are a source of joy and personal renewal, and play an instrumental role in the health, education, and social well-being of residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Arbor Day is to encourage the planting of trees to enhance our rural and urban landscapes, provide forest products and jobs for forest industries, reduce the erosion of our topsoil, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the state wishes to recognize the City of Germantown for hosting the State Arbor Day Celebration;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the Great State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2022, as

*Tennessee Arbor 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 eighteenth day of February, 2022.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Mangitt*

Secretary of State

