



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, hearing plays a critical role in communication and personal relationships, overall health outcomes, psychological well-being, and safety; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 466 million people worldwide, including 34 million children, suffer from hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, hearing loss can be congenital or a result of complications at birth, infectious diseases, chronic ear infections, certain medications, exposure to excessive noise, and aging; and

WHEREAS, people with hearing loss benefit from early identification, hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive devices, captioning and sign language, as well as, other forms of educational and social support; and

WHEREAS, today and throughout the year, organizations like Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing work to raise awareness about deafness and hearing loss and are dedicated to providing the resources necessary to ensure that children who are deaf or hard of hearing can reach their full potential;

THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2022, as

Tennessee Hearing Day

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-fourth day of February 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State

