



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Keep Tennessee Beautiful is the state-level affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and has served as a state resource center for litter prevention, community greening, and recycling & waste reduction education since 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Tennessee Beautiful is housed by the University of Memphis as an independent department within the College of Professional & Liberal Studies as a community engagement program; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Tennessee and we value citizen participation in community improvement projects such as the Great American Cleanup that takes place throughout our 95 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, last year during the Great American Cleanup, approximately 29,000 Tennessee volunteers donated over 203,000 hours to collect almost 1.5 million pounds of litter and 615,000 pounds of recycling along nearly 340 miles of roadways.

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

*Keep Tennessee Beautiful 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 twenty-fourth day of February 2022.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Morgan Kousser".

Secretary of State

