



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) has continued to provide small business assistance throughout the state helping to grow Tennessee's economy one business at a time; and

WHEREAS, the TSBDC provides no-cost, one-on-one business consultation and training services to individuals across the state at any stage of business; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 7,668 entrepreneurs participated in no-cost confidential counseling for start-up and existing businesses; more than 7,200 individuals attended training seminars; entrepreneurs and businesses were able to successfully obtain and utilize \$143.6 million in capital; all of which were instrumental in the creation and support of over 28,000 local jobs; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Tennessee Small Business Development Center has helped Tennessee to become a nationwide leader in job creation and small business growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2022, as

Tennessee Small Business Development Center 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 third day of March 2022.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Bergott in blue ink.

Secretary of State