

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a national day of prayer has been part of our country's heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is directed to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday in May each year as the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout America's history asking God for divine guidance, protection, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, we as citizens of this country value our religious freedoms and are thankful for the opportunity to unite in prayer; and

WHEREAS, we join with fellow Tennesseans regardless of religion or denomination to ask God for His blessing and protection upon every resident of our state; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we are encouraged to "Exalt the Lord who has established us" based on Colossians 2:6-7, which serves to remind us of the spiritual fullness obtainable through Christ.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim, May 5th, 2022, as

Tennessee's Day of Prayer

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 sixteenth day of March, 2022.

Governor

Secretary of State