



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, fifty years ago, on March 22, 1972, President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for individuals 60 years and older; and

**WHEREAS**, for five decades, this landmark law has helped fund community-based organizations, such as Meals on Wheels, to provide home-delivered meal service to sick or homebound older Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, good nutrition is critical to supporting independent and healthy aging; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's Older Americans Act aging nutrition program provides meals, socialization, and nutrition education and counseling to adults 60 years of age and older; and

**WHEREAS**, services are provided in over 200 congregate settings (such as senior centers or senior housing), as well as to homebound older adults in all 95 Tennessee counties; and

**WHEREAS**, offering a hot meal and a good friend, Tennesseans who graciously volunteer their time and resources to Aging Nutrition Programs across our state are helping to ensure both the nutritional and socialization needs of Seniors are being met; and

**WHEREAS**, with an increasing population of individuals eligible for services such as Meals on Wheels, awareness and support is more important than ever;

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

*50th Anniversary of Senior Nutrition 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-third day of March 2022.

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

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Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of the Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State

