



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, young adults, and families today is fundamental to the future of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them with better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, it is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about the warning signs of mental health disorders and identify where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth, young adults, and families places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is prioritizing the mental health of our children by investing in a Mental Health Trust Fund to ensure students have access to mental health resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim, May 1 - May 7, 2022, as

*Children's Mental Health Acceptance
Week 2022*

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-eighth day of April, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jo Berg

Secretary of State