



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, good oral health is essential to a healthy life and when we practice good oral habits our smile power increases; and

WHEREAS, we encourage Tennesseans to maintain healthy gums and teeth by brushing in the morning, after meals, at night before bed, and flossing daily; and

WHEREAS, tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all adults aged 30 years or older show signs of gum disease; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Charitable Care Network (TCCN) strives to increase access to affordable oral health services for all Tennesseans in need; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 TCCN's charitable and reduced-cost dental clinics provided 102,340 procedures including 24,010 oral surgeries and 21,799 hygienic cleanings/preventive services, serving more than 24,982 Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, TCCN charitable care providers know that restoring a healthy smile can be life-changing for both children and adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 13-17, 2022 as

"Smile Power" Oral Health Week

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 tenth day of May, 2022.

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

Governor

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

Secretary of State

