



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to a growing wine and grape industry, which is an important sector of agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, Tennessee has 68 wineries located on 959 acres with an annual economic impact of an estimated \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee wine and grape industry directly provides employment for more than 600 people, including self-employed owner-operators, with a recent analysis showing 250% growth since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's wine and grape industry has become a leader in the country for industry-driven education by bringing registered apprenticeship programs to students attending our colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the State's Wine and Grape Board was established in 2019 to promote and support the growth of the grape and wine industry; and

WHEREAS, vineyards and wineries significantly enhance tourism in Tennessee by providing unique travel destinations, green space, and aesthetic appeal; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Wine and Grape Month is an opportunity to celebrate Tennessee's rich wine and grape heritage;

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

Wine and Grape Appreciation 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 tenth day of May, 2022.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Dugan".

Secretary of State

