



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, charter schools are public schools that increase learning opportunities for all students and provide families with expanded choices within the public school system; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 116 charter schools operating in Tennessee, serving more than 46,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, charter schools serve as beacons of innovation and produce effective models of education, of significance to all public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, many charter schools are designed specifically to serve children from traditionally underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, charter schools have made dramatic gains in accelerating the closing of the achievement gap for those underserved populations, increasing the graduation rate and improving college readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, charter schools offer a variety of learning environments and emphases, including college-preparedness, career technical education, arts, and sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, charter schools play an integral role in Tennessee's public education system, the communities in which they operate, the families they serve, and the students' lives they impact; and

**WHEREAS**, during Charter Schools Week the State of Tennessee joins the Tennessee Charter School Center and millions of students, parents, educators, leaders, schools, and organizations around the country in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of charter schools to public education; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 8 - 14, 2022, as

*Tennessee Charter Schools 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.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Jo DeWight*

Secretary of State