STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, during the height of the Great Depression, Nashville's first major airport was funded and built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), a signature program of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1937, Nashville's airport officially opened as Berry Field, named in honor of Col. Harry S. Berry, a World War I Veteran and Tennessee's WPA administrator; and

WHEREAS, for the past 85 years the Nashville International Airport (BNA) has played a vital role in connecting Nashville to the world through both domestic and international nonstop service; and

WHEREAS, BNA has embarked on a $1.4 billion expansion plan called "BNA Vision" which will establish the airport as a world-class facility for a city that has seen tremendous growth; and

WHEREAS, BNA has showcased the state's vast cultural heritage through the art, live music, and cuisine that make Tennessee a great place to live; and

WHEREAS, BNA and its 350 employees deliver outstanding customer service and are the first to welcome thousands of travelers to Nashville each year; and

WHEREAS, by remaining open to serve Nashville during a very unsettling time, BNA is emerging from the worldwide pandemic stronger than before by investing in its people and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the departure count from BNA has surged past pre-pandemic levels with more than 30,000 passengers boarding outbound flights each day; and

WHEREAS, BNA has honored its responsibility as the front door to the city, and has served as a vital economic engine for Tennessee enabling both tourism and business growth; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim June 12, 2022 as

Nashville International Airport
85th Anniversary Day

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 sixteenth day of May, 2022.

Governor

Secretary of State