



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.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott R. Fitzgerald".

Secretary of State

