WHEREAS, Tennessee has a rich history of dairy farming that is largely a family tradition; and

WHEREAS, our state’s dairy farmers and processors play an important role in feeding Tennesseans and people across the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, the Dairy industry has contributed to the development and well-being of the economy of our state; and

WHEREAS, our state would not be the same without our approximately 28,000 dairy cows, 585 dairy sheep, 275 dairy goats, and 27 dairy processing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the value of milk produced in Tennessee annually is over $98 million; and

WHEREAS, dairy products, including milk, cheese, sour cream, ice cream, yogurt, and more, provide health benefits and valuable nutrients, such as calcium, vitamin D, and protein; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 85th celebration of Dairy Month, promoting the consumption of dairy products and thanking those involved in the dairy industry for their labors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as Dairy 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 sixth day of June, 2022.

Bill Lee
Governor

Secretary of State