



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, overdose deaths continue to tragically take the lives of too many Tennesseans, causing hurt, pain, sorrow, and loss for thousands of families and communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, rates of overdose and resulting deaths continue to rise sharply driven by an influx of illicit fentanyl into our state; and

WHEREAS, efforts to educate, equip, and empower people to respond to an overdose, reverse it, and save a life are reaching hundreds of thousands of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, dedicated professionals with lived experience of substance use who have achieved a new life in recovery are using their past as purpose to change the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee communities are standing up to address the underlying causes of addiction and recognizing the impact of factors like Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to break the cycle of addiction; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity for all Tennesseans to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2022, as

Overdose Awareness 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 twenty-ninth day of July, 2022.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State