



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key penned a poem, "Defense of Fort M'Henry", as he watched the American flag flying over Fort McHenry, signifying an American victory during the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812; and

**WHEREAS**, September 14, 2022, marks the two hundred and eighth anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore, an important moment in America's second and final war of independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Key's original poem eventually became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner"; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress officially designated "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the official National Anthem in 1931; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the General Assembly enacted TCA 15-2-140, recognizing September 14th as "Star-Spangled Banner Day;" and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that students learn how the American flag inspired Key to write the National Anthem;

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

## *Star-Spangled Banner 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 August, 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