

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are major issues that affect The United States and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, hunger is a reality for more than 1 million Tennesseans including children, seniors and families who do not have proper access to food resources; and

WHEREAS, specifically in East Tennessee, more than 200,000 residents face food insecurity on a daily basis, diminishing the capacity for children to learn, exacerbating health conditions of the senior population, and causing families to live on the brink of destruction; and

WHEREAS, these residents across the State of Tennessee seek assistance from Feeding America affiliated food banks, such as Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, which provide access to healthy, nutritious foods, as well as educational resources to help families rise out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, businesses, charities, government, and all Tennesseans play a vital role in alleviating hunger in their local communities by supporting and learning about food banks;

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

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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 first day of September, 2022.

Governor

Secretary of State