



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Section 55-8-132 of the Tennessee Code Annotated prohibits the endangerment of workers where highway construction, maintenance, utility work, accident response, or other incident response is being performed, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 55-8-132 of the Tennessee Code Annotated requires drivers of vehicles to MOVE OVER & SLOW DOWN when encountering authorized emergency vehicles, including recovery, highway maintenance, solid waste, or utility service vehicles, as well as stationary motor vehicles that are located on the shoulder, emergency lane, or median; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers, firefighters, public service utility workers, emergency medical personnel, highway crews, and tow operators conduct valuable and often life-saving operations at the roadside; and

**WHEREAS**, workspace is often limited within the highway right of way, placing workers, disabled vehicles, and their passengers dangerously close to passing vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country, emergency workers, incident responders, and highway workers are put at risk, often resulting in injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, one death is too many; and

**WHEREAS**, while all fifty states have MOVE OVER & SLOW DOWN laws, fewer than thirty percent of Americans know these laws, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the public to be educated on the dangers of failing to obey these laws and safe driving practices which include moving over for all disabled vehicles regardless of type or the lights they display;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 15, 2022, as

## "MOVE OVER & SLOW DOWN" 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 seventh day of September, 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