



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee seeks to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that on any given day, 1 in 31 hospitalized patients and 1 in 43 nursing home residents have an infection as a result of the healthcare they received; and

WHEREAS, because healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are a threat to patient safety, many hospitals and healthcare facilities in Tennessee have made the prevention and reduction of these infections a top priority; and

WHEREAS, Infection Preventionists (IPs) are professionals who inform healthcare workers and patients on best practices they should use to prevent infections; and

WHEREAS, infection prevention is more important than ever in the battle against a global pandemic and to keep Tennesseans safe from HAIs and disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, Infection Preventionists (IPs) work hard every day to keep healthcare workers, patients, and residents of our state safe from COVID-19, HAIs, flu season, and many other infectious threats; and

WHEREAS, "International Infection Prevention Week" provides an opportunity to highlight the efforts of Tennessee's Infection Preventionists and the ways they keep Tennesseans safe; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans can play a role in the health and safety of our state by understanding the importance and practice of infection prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2022 as

Infection Prevention Week

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-eighth day of September 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State