



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men are victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 69,385 domestic violence incidents were reported during 2020 in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, over 4,079 children, women, and men sought shelter from domestic violence in 2021; and

WHEREAS, 9.7% of all domestic abuse cases in 2020 involved children in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, 90 people were murdered in Tennessee in 2020 during a domestic violence incident; and

WHEREAS, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

WHEREAS, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and

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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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

Joe Mangot

Secretary of State