WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans are an integral part of the history of Tennessee and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, some of Tennessee’s earliest settlers include communities of Spanish speakers and individuals of Spanish descent, including Admiral David Glasgow Farragut; and

WHEREAS, today, Tennessee is proud to be home to a growing Latino community who strengthen the rich culture of our State; and

WHEREAS, the entrepreneurial spirit and economic contributions of the Latino population provide renewed evidence of the American Dream and the promise of economic opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Latino community embodies Tennessee values, including faith, work ethic, and a volunteer spirit; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's cultural, economic, and civil society are strengthened by the innumerable contributions of the Latino community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 15th - October 15th, 2022, as Hispanic Heritage 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 third day of October, 2022.