



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death to children 1 to 17 years old in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the child mortality rate for Tennessee was 60.4 deaths per 100,000 children and continues to exceed the 2019 national rate (46.8 per 100,000); and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 926 deaths occurred in children under the age of 18 in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, many of these injuries and deaths are preventable with the use of safety practices; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, state agencies, community organizations, and other partners are crucial in promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is committed to promoting efforts in reducing injuries among children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2022, as

Child Injury Prevention 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 twenty-sixth day of October, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Wiegott

Secretary of State