



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, burn injuries continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental death and injury in our Nation, and children, the elderly, and the disabled are especially vulnerable to burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S., the CDC reports 276,086 people received medical care for treatment of unintentional burn injuries in 2020, with 3,028 deaths from fire and smoke inhalation; and

WHEREAS, compared to the overall population, children under five were 2 times as likely to be seen for burn injuries at an emergency department, young adults aged 20 to 29 were 1.4 times as likely, and those aged 30-39 were 1.3 times as likely; and

WHEREAS, the primary causes of injury include fire-flame, scalds, and contact with hot objects, electricity, and chemicals, and most of the injuries occur in the home.

WHEREAS, today, 96.8% of those who suffer burn injuries will survive. Unfortunately, many of those survivors will sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, adjustment difficulties; and

WHEREAS, significant research and medical advances have dramatically improved burn care and treatment, aided rehabilitation, shortened hospital stays, and increased burn survival rates, and aftercare support for the physical and emotional effects of burns has also played a key role in the successful reintegration of burn survivors into our communities; and

WHEREAS, many people devote their lives and careers to treating, caring for, supporting, and rehabilitating burn injury survivors, including researchers, firefighters, burn foundations, and other life safety professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 5-11th, 2023, as

Burn Awareness 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 second day of February, 2023.

Bill Lee

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Secretary of State