



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Great American Cleanup which was established by Keep America Beautiful, Inc., is the nation's largest annual community improvement program involving over 3.4 million volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, a department of The University of Memphis, and is a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful; and

**WHEREAS**, last year during the Great American Cleanup approximately 29,000 Tennesseans, spanning all 95 counties, volunteered to collect nearly 1.3 million pounds of litter and over 130,000 pounds of recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1983 Keep Tennessee Beautiful has served as a state resource center for litter prevention, community greening, and recycling & waste reduction education; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Tennessee and we value citizen participation in community improvement projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

*Keep Tennessee Beautiful 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 ninth day of February 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State