



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Latin language, although no longer spoken conversationally, is alive and well in language, literature, government, religion, law, and scientific terminology; and

**WHEREAS**, the study of Latin helps students increase and enrich their vocabulary, improve their critical thinking skills, and have a more comprehensive understanding of the world around them, thus making them more competitive in the global economy of the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Tennessee has a long tradition of student dedication to the study of the language and culture of the ancient Romans; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of students in Tennessee participate in the National Latin Exam, the Classical Association of the Middle West and South Translation Contest, and the Advanced Placement Latin Exam every year; and

**WHEREAS**, the honorary motto selected for this month is *Musica e montibus fluit* (Music flows from the mountains);

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

*Latin Language Appreciation 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 twentieth day of February 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Berg*

Secretary of State