



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the citizens of the great State of Tennessee are proud to join in celebrating observances that are meaningful to the history of our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, during February, we come together for the commemoration of Black History Month, as this occasion offers us the opportunity to pay tribute to the unique, diverse, and groundbreaking contributions of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, through collections, exhibitions, and educational programs, the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, chronicles key episodes of the American civil rights movement to inspire participation in civil and human rights efforts; and

WHEREAS, the challenges overcome by African Americans over the centuries are an inspiration to all Americans and serve as reminders of the principles we share as a society; and

WHEREAS, it is important to learn from history's failures, successes, disappointments and triumphs as we continue moving forward as a Nation to pursue our Founding Fathers' profound visions of liberty, justice and equality for all;

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

Black History 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 fifteenth day of February 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Hargett

Secretary of State