



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee continues to experience unprecedented and increasing levels of behavioral health concerns including deaths from drug overdose and suicide; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee has increased resources for prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery services to address the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, community behavioral health providers, local governments, community groups, and faith leaders have also risen to this challenge to innovatively meet the needs of those who are struggling and provide hope of a new life; and

WHEREAS, people across Tennessee are using their lived experience of recovery from behavioral health challenges to spread hope to others; and

WHEREAS, these individuals are inspiring hope in tens of thousands of Tennesseans annually through events, trainings, and personal interactions; and

WHEREAS, the power of hope for a better tomorrow and a new life in recovery is changing, rebuilding relationships, restoring families, and renewing communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2023 as

Tennessee's Day of Hope

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 first day of February 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Scott West

Secretary of State