



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere and constitute a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that a woman's right to vote was enshrined into law; and

**WHEREAS**, women have served our country courageously in the military, with over 40,000 women veterans in the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, over 23,000 women serve the great citizens of Tennessee, making up over fifty-six percent of the state workforce; and

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

*Women's 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 twenty-fourth day of February 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lu Hargett*

Secretary of State