



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) occurs when a sudden trauma causes damage to the brain and can result when the head suddenly and violently hits an object, or when an object pierces the skull and enters brain tissue; and

WHEREAS, everyone is at risk for a TBI, especially children and older adults; and

WHEREAS, a concussion is a brain injury in which recognition and proper response can help prevent further injury and even death, and prevention is the only known cure; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25,000 Tennesseans each year sustain a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, the State Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program was established by the Tennessee General Assembly to address the needs of those individuals who have sustained a brain injury, as well as their families and primary caregivers; and

WHEREAS, organizations across Tennessee are striving to increase awareness of brain injury, thus making prevention and safety measures part of the American culture in an effort to decrease the number;

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

Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness 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 sixth day of March 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Hargett

Secretary of State