



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 and through the dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victim service providers, there is a growing array of services and resources available to victims and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's continued engagement with the challenges faced by victims of crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost, and that new ground is broken to gain greater justice and healing for all victims, and

WHEREAS, recognizing this week on a state level provides an opportunity to educate those in our communities of the importance of accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is hereby dedicated to supporting victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building trust, and collaborating with other service providers who are engaged in response efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-29, 2023 as

Crime Victims' Rights Week

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 March 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State