



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, nearly 40% of all food produced in the U.S. goes to waste, including Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, a family of four typically wastes an average of \$1500 per year on uneaten food; and

**WHEREAS**, the total economic loss associated with food waste is estimated to be approximately \$218 billion per year; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 8 Tennesseans and 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity, meaning they lack consistent access to nutritious food; and

**WHEREAS**, through education and awareness regarding ways to reduce food waste, Tennessee households, local food banks and other like-services will experience a positive impact; and

**WHEREAS**, by engaging citizens, households, businesses, and other entities with the resource information and strategies for addressing food waste countless lives will be improved;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2023 as

*2nd Annual Food Waste Awareness 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-second day of March 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State