



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennesseans have long recognized and valued the importance of serving their communities, state, and nation through volunteer community service; and

WHEREAS, this commitment to public and volunteer community service long ago earned Tennessee the distinction of being known as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of our state, Tennesseans have exemplified the spirit of the Volunteer State by answering the call to serve their neighbor in communities across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has been a national leader in the promotion of volunteerism, community service initiatives, and partnerships in which citizens of all ages and backgrounds engage in services addressing the needs of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Office of the First Lady Maria Lee launched Tennessee Serves, an initiative to transform our state through service by highlighting nonprofits and providing opportunities for Tennesseans to engage in serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, Volunteer Tennessee has enabled people of all ages and backgrounds to help solve problems and build stronger communities in projects across Tennessee, serving through partners such as AmeriCorps, America's Service Commissions, Service Year, Tennessee Scholars, and other volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS, each Tennessean has the power to transform their community by finding an area they are passionate about and giving of their time, talents, and resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 16-22, 2023 as

National Volunteer 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 thirteenth day of April 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jeff Hargett

Secretary of State