



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, more than 33 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame are the nine foods linked to most allergic reactions; and

WHEREAS, reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction with rapid onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to food; and

WHEREAS, food allergies are expensive, costing the American economy more than \$25 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and health of individuals with food allergies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 2023 as

Food Allergy 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 twentieth day of April 2023.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Bergott".

Secretary of State