



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance, and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations; and

**WHEREAS**, internal auditing is an established profession, with a globally recognized code of ethics and International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing; and

**WHEREAS**, internal auditing is an increasingly sophisticated and complex activity requiring specialized knowledge, training, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, internal auditors are independent professionals who identify and manage risks, provide assurance for compliance with laws, regulations, and policies, and address instances of organizational fraud, waste, and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), the internal audit profession's most widely recognized advocate, educator, and provider of standards, guidance, and certifications, celebrates its 82nd anniversary in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Internal Audit Awareness Month presents an opportunity to recognize, acknowledge, and commend the efforts and contributions of internal auditors in corporations, not-for-profit organizations, and in state and local governments throughout the great state of Tennessee;

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

*Internal Audit 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 twenty-fifth day of April 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Ruggitt*

Secretary of State