



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, formally adopted in 1777 by the Continental Congress to represent "a new constellation", the United States flag has represented our country for the past 245 years; and

WHEREAS, having undergone many changes over the years, thirteen alternate stripes of red and white continue to race Old Glory in honor of the thirteen original colonies; and

WHEREAS, flown on the Moon, placed on graves of our Country's warriors, and carried into combat zones, the American flag is recognized as a symbol of sacrifice and unparalleled determination; and

WHEREAS, Francis Scott Key viewed our Country's flag through explosions during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, which inspired the creation of America's National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, may we continue to take inspiration from the sacrifices that have made the flag of the United States of America the revered emblem that it is and cherish the freedom that it symbolizes; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to support Flag Day by displaying the US flag at their home or place of business;

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

Flag Day

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 May 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State