



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, all species of elephants are keystone species and vital to our global ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the public to be educated about the welfare of elephants in captivity as well as the need for wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to The Elephant Sanctuary, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing captive elephants with individualized care, the companionship of a herd, and a secure environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, The Elephant Sanctuary is celebrating 28 years of providing a safe haven and natural habitat refuge dedicated to the wellbeing of retired captive elephants and educating the public about the needs of elephants in captivity; and

WHEREAS, The Elephant Sanctuary is committed to improving the lives of all elephants worldwide;

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

Elephant 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 twentieth day of July, 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Reger

Secretary of State