



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1937 the Tennessee General Assembly established the Tennessee State Park system; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is committed to ensuring a brighter future for Tennesseans by supporting the creation and expansion of our state's parks, natural areas, and trails; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has one of only seven state park systems in the nation that is free to access for all, and every Tennessean lives within an hour's drive of at least one state park; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's professionally-managed state park system is consistently ranked among the top four state park systems by the National Recreation and Park Association; and

WHEREAS, the parks across our state help build strong communities, protecting natural, cultural, and scenic resources and providing opportunities for exploration, recreation, and restoration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is proud to have more than 250 dedicated Park Rangers who risk their lives each day to protect and preserve our state's greatest natural, cultural, and historical resources; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Park Rangers are equipped with a variety of skills and qualifications to protect Tennessee's State Parks and visitors, including emergency medical response, firefighting, search and rescue, and more; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Park Rangers are of the highest quality and caliber in the nation, and the State of Tennessee honors all Fallen Rangers and stands with those men and women bravely protecting wildlife on the frontline of conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2023, as

State Park Ranger 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 thirty-first day of July, 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State