



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Friends of Tennessee Libraries and local Friends of Library groups across the state are dedicated to the support of libraries as institutions essential to democracy and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Tennessee Libraries help local Friends groups support their libraries in integrating the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Friends groups advocate for funding that will provide libraries with the necessary resources, expert research assistance, technology, and services for every citizen in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Friends groups promote the joys and benefits of literacy, learning, and economic wellbeing for Tennesseans of all ages by investing time and effort in raising supplementary funds to enhance library resources and programming; and

WHEREAS, Friends groups also volunteer countless hours of their time and talent to help libraries provide services and materials to their patrons; and

WHEREAS, the gifts of time and commitment by Friends of Libraries in Tennessee set a positive example of civic engagement that benefits both volunteers and their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee to hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2023, as

Friends of Libraries 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 second day of August 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State