



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, emergencies come in many forms and can happen at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, preparing Tennesseans for disasters and emergencies is a priority of the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, every Tennessean has a role to play in preparing for emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans may have to rely on themselves, their family, their friends, and their neighbors in large disasters until first responders arrive; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are encouraged to make plans with and for their family members to prepare for disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging Tennesseans in emergency preparedness is a cooperative, daily effort across local, state, and federal jurisdictions, so our citizens have a unified emergency management effort engaged in times of crisis and insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and our state's 95 county emergency management agencies are dedicated to raising awareness as to the critical importance of individual preparedness and providing critical information to the public before, during, and after emergencies, and

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

*Preparedness 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 thirty-first day of August, 2023.



*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State