



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the local communities through economic development, energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, and safety awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans value local control over community services, and therefore value community-owned, locally-controlled, non-for-profit electric utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's 60 municipal and county power distributors provide reliable and affordable power to 4.5 million Tennesseans, including 65% of the state's residential, commercial, and industrial customers, and provide over 71% of the electricity sold in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Tennessee's cities have been electric providers for more than 80 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's municipal and county electric utilities hold \$12.7 billion in assets and disburse \$213 million in lieu of tax payments to their local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee leads the nation in public power, ranking first in public power megawatt hours, second in public power revenue, and second in the number of public power customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service and evidence commitment to their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to their community, homes and businesses, just as they have for generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1-7, 2023, as

## *Public Power 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 sixth day of September, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

