

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

## PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans are an integral part of the history of Tennessee and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, some of Tennessee's earliest settlers include communities of Spanish speakers and individuals of Spanish descent, including Admiral David Glasgow Farragut; and

WHEREAS, today, Tennessee is proud to be home to a growing Latino community who strengthen the rich culture of our State; and

WHEREAS, the entrepreneurial spirit and economic contributions of the Latino population provide renewed evidence of the American Dream and the promise of economic opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Latino community embodies Tennessee values, including faith, work ethic, and a volunteer spirit; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's cultural, economic, and civil society are strengthened by the innumerable contributions of the Latino community;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2023, as

Hispanic Heritage 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 twelfth day of September 2023.

Governor

Secretary of State