



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is Tennessee's largest youth development organization, having supported approximately 152,000 youth across the state annually; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped over one million Tennesseans to become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered jointly by the University of Tennessee Extension system and Tennessee State University Extension, both members of Cooperative Extension - a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture, leadership, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Tennessee who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs, and visionaries;

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

4-H 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 twenty-first day of September, 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Scotty Pruitt

Secretary of State