



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, entomology, the study of insects, plays an important role in the advancement of humanity by providing valuable insights in such diverse areas as agriculture, biology, chemistry, medicine, forensics, environmental science and economics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entomologists are involved in the development of ecologically sound pest management strategies, research supporting beekeeping in the state, research discovering new biochemical and genetic information using insect models and surveillance of insect vectors of disease; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entomologists work to protect the environment by monitoring invasive insect species and by protecting and preserving rare, threatened, and endangered native species and the fragile aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which are an integral part of Tennessee's unique ecology; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entomologists contribute to the education of undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students in Tennessee's institutions of higher education, as well as train future generations of entomologists; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's schoolchildren possess a natural curiosity about insects and entomologists frequently educate these children as visiting scientists in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, the Tennessee Entomological Society has worked diligently in the public interest and is one of the state's strongest supporters of scientific excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Entomological Society will celebrate its 50th anniversary at its annual meeting being held at Tennessee State University's Otis Floyd Nursery Research Center in McMinnville,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 8 - October 14, 2023 as

Entomology 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-seventh day of September 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State