



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the profession of pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted healthcare professions concerned with improving the health and well-being of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 11,000 pharmacists licensed in Tennessee and more than 300,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing care and services, and

**WHEREAS**, an optimal pharmacy team includes pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working together at the top of their professional licensure to ensure that patients have access to safe and effective medication therapies; and

**WHEREAS**, pharmacists are crucial members of the healthcare team, collaborating with physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to optimize patient outcomes and improve overall health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, today's highly specific, complex, and costly medications require more intensive attention and education to help emphasize the value of proper compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, any extraordinary healthcare challenge further highlights the indispensable role of pharmacists in public health emergencies, including vaccination efforts, provision of accurate information, and maintaining medication access; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee acknowledges the importance of promoting public awareness about the vital role that pharmacists play in delivering quality healthcare to our communities;

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

*Pharmacist 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 twenty-sixth day of September 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State