



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee seeks to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, antibiotic resistance has become one of the key threats to health in the United States, threatening the ability of healthcare providers to fight infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, antibiotic-resistant infections are more likely to produce adverse health outcomes and are more costly to treat than susceptible infections; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2.8 million people become ill each year with antibiotic-resistant infections and at least 35,000 die as a result; and

**WHEREAS**, public health addresses disease prevention and health risk reduction through the exchange of information and by supporting the health needs of Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, "Antibiotic Awareness Week" provides an opportunity for the Tennessee Department of Health to highlight the importance of the judicious use of antibiotics; and

**WHEREAS**, education regarding the appropriate use of antibiotics is the primary solution to address the threat of antibiotic resistance;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 18-24, 2023 as

*Antibiotic Awareness Week 2023*

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 sixteenth day of October 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Scott Berg*

Secretary of State