



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1969, President Richard M. Nixon signed a proclamation designating the month of January as National Blood Donor Month; and

WHEREAS, every two seconds someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion; and

WHEREAS, blood donation saves 12,000 lives a day in the United States, which in Tennessee would be approximately 250 a day, and 90,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, more than 15 million pints of blood are transfused in the United States each year, which would be approximately 315,000 pints annually in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, 65% of the population are eligible to donate and only 3% do so; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to several committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness of the importance of blood donation; and

WHEREAS, during the month of January we celebrate our citizens who already donate blood and encourage those who are eligible to schedule an appointment today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim January 2024 as

Blood Donor 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 fourteenth day of January 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe R. Wright

Secretary of State