



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Great American Cleanup, established by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. is the nation's largest annual community improvement program involving over 3.4 million volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, is a department of The University of Memphis, and the Tennessee affiliate of Keep America Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, last year during the Great American Cleanup over 8,286 volunteers in Tennessee collected nearly 445,344 pounds of litter and over 69,879 pounds of recycling; and

WHEREAS, these same volunteers were responsible for planting 650,123 trees and flowers while working in 205 communities across all 95 counties in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since 1983 Keep Tennessee Beautiful, has served as a state resource center for litter prevention, community greening, and recycling & waste reduction education; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Tennessee and we value citizen participation with community improvement projects;

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

Keep Tennessee Beautiful Month

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 twentieth day of February 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Rusk

Secretary of State