



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed in Tennessee, throughout the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the planting and proper maintenance of landscape trees enhances the economic vitality of business areas, increases property values, and improves our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are conservationists at heart and strive to perpetuate our heritage of trees and forests across the state; and

WHEREAS, wooded areas can be a source of joy and personal renewal, and play an instrumental role in the health, education, and social well-being of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Arbor Day is to encourage the planting of trees to enhance our rural and urban landscapes, provide forest products and jobs for forest industries, reduce the erosion topsoil, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, we wish to thank the Tennessee Agricultural Museum hosting our State Arbor Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, during this time of celebration we congratulate the Tennessee communities, utility providers, and educational institutions for their participation and investment in our state's future by creating a better understanding of nature and the importance of protecting wildlife, planting and cultivating flowers, and setting and protecting trees;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2024, as

Arbor Day

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 twentieth day of February 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State