



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the American colonists that rebelled against British rule in pursuit of independence during the American Revolution are referred to as Patriots; and

WHEREAS, these Patriots, inspired by their desires for freedom and liberty, united together for a common cause despite diverse social and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, these Patriots made tremendous sacrifices, including for many their lives, in pursuit of the unalienable rights endowed by their Creator; and

WHEREAS, these men and women established the foundations of our great country and generations of Americans have benefited from their enlightened words and heroic deeds; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-2-114 recognizes April 19 of each year as Patriots' Day, honoring the Revolutionary War's opening events and our Nation's early struggles for independence; and

WHEREAS, April 19th is the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the initial battles of the Revolutionary War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2024, as

Patriots' 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 fourth day of March, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State