



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Latin language, although no longer spoken conversationally, is alive and well in language, literature, government, religion, law, and scientific terminology; and

WHEREAS, 60-70% of the words in English derive from the Latin language; and

WHEREAS, the study of Latin helps students increase and enrich their vocabulary, improve their critical thinking skills, and have a more comprehensive understanding of the world around them, thus making them more competitive in the global economy of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee has a long tradition of passionate student dedication to the study of the language and culture of the ancient Romans; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students in Tennessee participate in the National Latin Exam, the Advanced Placement Latin Exam, and the Tennessee Junior Classical League State Convention every year; and

WHEREAS, the honorary motto selected for this month is *musica e montibus fluit* ("music flows from the mountains");

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

Latin Language Appreciation 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 fourth day of March, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State