



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, graduate education attracts over 48,000 students nationally and internationally to Tennessee universities, awards over 14,000 degrees annually, and contributes to the economic growth and stability of the state, generating more than \$1.1 billion in economic impact; and

WHEREAS, graduate education is an essential part of developing the workforce in highly specialized, technical, and licensed professions; and

WHEREAS, graduate education in Tennessee is enhanced by assistantships and involvement with local organizations and businesses that participate in the advancement of resources to the community and to the public; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee graduate students and graduate education across the state have helped increase the earning power of Tennessee citizens, have attracted new businesses and creative ideas such as artificial intelligence, neuroscience, the arts, biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, information technology, literacy, materials science, and children's health; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's graduate faculty and students engage in internationally-recognized scholarship, producing a significant body of research that contributes to the broad base of knowledge essential for advancing the well-being of the state; and

WHEREAS, alumni from Tennessee graduate schools occupy leadership roles in school systems, institutions of higher learning, health-related institutions, business, government, and politics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee universities have recognized the strengths and contributions of a culturally diverse student body, and as a result attract student scholars from diverse backgrounds interested in pursuing graduate education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-5, 2024, as

Graduate Education Week

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

Julie Hight

Secretary of State