



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, nearly 40% of all food produced in the U.S. goes to waste, including Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a family of four typically wastes an average of \$1,600 per year on uneaten food; and

WHEREAS, the total economic loss associated with food waste is estimated to be approximately \$218 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 9 Tennesseans and 1 in 8 children are food insecure, meaning they lack consistent access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, through education and awareness regarding ways to reduce food waste, Tennessee households, local food banks and other like-services will experience a positive impact; and

WHEREAS, by engaging citizens, households, businesses, and other entities with the resource information and strategies for addressing food waste countless lives will be improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 2024, as

Food Waste Prevention 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 fourteenth day of March, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DeWitt".

Secretary of State