



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, nearly half of all college students say they fear social stigma in reaching out for support in their mental health and substance misuse needs; and

WHEREAS, alcohol misuse is highest among young adults attending college; and

WHEREAS, mental health diagnoses continues to rise in young adults attending college; and

WHEREAS, a person's ability to achieve and maintain recovery is strongly influenced their environment; and

WHEREAS, there is significant opportunity for colleges to ensure that young adults are well supported in maintaining their mental health and recovery from substance abuse disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Collegiate Recovery Initiative has worked with more than 30 universities and colleges, public and private, since its initiation in 2021; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 2,000 recovery allies and four Certified Recovery-Friendly Campuses across Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 15-19, 2024 as

Collegiate Recovery 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 tenth day of April 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State