



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of Tennessee's economy, comprising a significant portion of the State's employment including nearly half of private-sector workforce; and

WHEREAS, small business owners represent a diverse range of industries, including manufacturing, healthcare, technology, hospitality, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, supporting small business owners in Tennessee strengthens the State's resilience against economic downturns and promotes sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS, the success of small businesses directly correlates with the overall prosperity and well-being of local communities, creating job opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, many small business owners in Tennessee are deeply ingrained in their local communities, often supporting local events, youth sports teams, and participating in local charities, all of which fosters a strong sense of community pride and engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 28 – May 4, 2024 as

Small Business Appreciation 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 fifteenth day of April, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

DeWitt

Secretary of State