



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee's teachers serve as mentors and role models for their students, spending countless hours preparing lessons, creating positive school cultures, building deep partnerships with families and communities, and collaborating with colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's teachers are responsible for shaping the minds of the one million students across the state to ensure they have access to a high-quality education and are successful in the classroom, workforce, and life; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's teachers are highly dedicated and go above and beyond the call of duty to serve students across the state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's teachers foster positive classroom environments where students can collaborate, learn from each other, and engage in innovative and rigorous teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the State of Tennessee became the first state in the nation to establish a permanent, federally-approved teaching apprenticeship program through the Grow Your Own model, providing innovative pathways to strengthen Tennessee's education workforce and ensure high-quality education for generations of Tennessee students; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, the State of Tennessee has allocated over \$500 million for consistent annual pay raises for Tennessee's dedicated teachers; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes and supports each of its over 70,000 K-12 teachers for their dedication to educating all students across the Volunteer State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2024, as Teacher Appreciation Day; the week of May 6-10, 2024, as Teacher Appreciation Week; and the month of May 2024, as

Teacher 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 twenty-ninth day of April, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State