

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Pellissippi State was founded in September, 1974 and has served the East Tennessee community for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, from its first class of forty-five students to an alumni base that exceeds 91,000 students, Pellissippi State has played a vital role in shaping the future of East Tennessee and its economy by providing high quality education and training to students of all backgrounds and ages; and

WHEREAS, Pellissippi State provides academic and workforce opportunities to students by providing accessible and affordable high-quality education and training to the community; and

WHEREAS, Pellissippi State offers a wide range of programs and services across four campuses including technical training, transfer degrees, workforce development, early college experiences and adult education, all designed to meet the needs of students and employers alike; and

WHEREAS, Pellissippi State is an integral part of the state's economy by providing employers with a skilled workforce that is essential to the growth and prosperity of Tennessee's businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of the faculty, staff and leadership of Pellissippi State serves to provide excellent education and training to students; and

WHEREAS, Pellissippi State plays a vital role in building a stronger and more prosperous Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim September 4, 2024 as the

50th Anniversary of Pellissippi State

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-fifth day of June, 2024.

Governor

Secretary of State