



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Blue Star Families annually designates the last week in September as "Blue Star Welcome Week"; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

**WHEREAS**, only 41% of military family respondents to the 2023 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

**WHEREAS**, a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families, so we commit to ensuring that military families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members and transitioning Veterans and their families, and we encourage civilians nationwide to welcome military families into their communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2024 through September 29, 2024 as

*Blue Star Welcome 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 seventeenth day of July 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*J. R. Hargett*

Secretary of State