



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of deep concern to communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, hunger is a reality for one in seven Tennesseans, including one in six children under the age of 18 who do not have access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, for more than 1 million Tennesseans hunger is diminishing the capacity for children to learn, exacerbating the ill health conditions of seniors, and burdening the strength of the working poor; and

WHEREAS, children, families, and seniors across the State of Tennessee depend on support from Feeding America member food banks and its network of food pantries, food kitchens, childcare facilities, senior centers, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, charities, and government can play an impactful role in getting food to those in need; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the five in the State of Tennessee: Chattanooga Area Food Bank, Mid-South Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee, are working to bring awareness and are encouraging involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals, communities, and organizations across the country will be joining in these efforts creating events and programs to highlight the importance of helping provide access to healthy and nutritious foods;

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

Hunger Action 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-fourth day of July, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jaime Bergert

Secretary of State