

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

## PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is Tennessee's largest youth development organization, having supported approximately 152,000 youth across the state annually; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped over one million Tennesseans to become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered jointly by the University of Tennessee Extension system and Tennessee State University Extension, both members of Cooperative Extension - a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture, leadership, and citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Tennessee who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs, and visionaries;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as

4-H 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 thirtieth day of August 2024.

Governor

Secretary of State