



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the profession of pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted health care professions concerned with improving the health and well-being of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 11,000 pharmacists licensed in Tennessee and more than 300,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing care and serving as patient advocates for ensuring access to the best and safest therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, an optimal pharmacy team includes pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working together at the top of their professional licensure to ensure that patients have access to safe and effective medication therapies while helping patients overcome illness and live healthier lives through full, effective use of their medicines; and

**WHEREAS**, pharmacists are crucial members of the health care team, collaborating with physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals to optimize patient outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, any extraordinary health care challenge further highlights pharmacists' indispensable role in public health, including vaccination efforts, communication of accurate information, and maintaining medication access; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee acknowledges the importance of promoting public awareness about the vital role that pharmacists play in delivering quality health care to their communities;

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

*Pharmacists' 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 fifth day of September 2024.

*Bill Lee*

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Governor

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Secretary of State