



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the local communities through economic development, energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, and safety awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans place high value on local control over community services and therefore value community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that safely provide reliable, low-cost electricity; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's 60 municipal and county power distributors provide reliable and affordable power to 66% of the State's residential, commercial, and industrial customers, and sell 65% of the electricity sold in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Tennessee's cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 80 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's municipal and county electric utilities hold \$10.6 billion in assets and disburse over \$205 million in lieu of tax payments to their local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee leads the nation in public power as the state ranked first in public power megawatt hours, second in public power revenue, and second in the number of public power customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to their community, homes and businesses just as they have for generations of Tennesseans;

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

*Public Power 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 twentieth day of September 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State