



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee residents should ensure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office launched "Get Alarmed, Tennessee!" free smoke alarm program in 2012; and

WHEREAS, 306,277 smoke alarms have been distributed to fire departments in Tennessee through the "Get Alarmed, Tennessee!" initiative, 265,000 have been installed and 500 lives saved due to alerts from these smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for all residents to understand and practice fire prevention measures, including maintaining working smoke detectors, developing and practicing fire escape plans, and properly storing flammable materials; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you." serves as a reminder to ensure smoke alarms are properly installed and working;

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

Fire Prevention 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 thirteenth day of September 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargott

Secretary of State