



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Intellectual Property (IP) plays a significant role in Tennessee's economy by incentivizing investments in knowledge, innovations, and inventions that move society forward; and

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee and its citizens, educational institutions, and businesses are leaders in the development of Intellectual Property; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's leadership in Intellectual Property supports businesses, IP providers, and IP students contributing to the State's thriving technology industry and creative media sectors; and

WHEREAS, this year, Tennessee became the first state in the nation to include protections for songwriters, performers, and music industry professionals' voices from the misuse of artificial intelligence with the Ensuring Likeness Voice and Image Security (ELVIS) Act, marking a significant contribution to IP protections; and

WHEREAS, leadership and innovation in areas such as Intellectual Property contribute to the Volunteer State's commitment to deliver opportunity, security, and freedom for all Tennesseans;

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

Intellectual Property 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 fourteenth day of October, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

John H. ...

Secretary of State