



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee seeks to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of people in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance has become one of the key threats to health in the United States, threatening the ability of healthcare providers to fight infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic-resistant infections are more likely to produce adverse health outcomes and are more costly to treat than susceptible infections; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 2.8 million people become ill each year with antibiotic-resistant infections and at least 35,000 die as a result; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed recommendations for healthcare professionals regarding best practices for the judicious use of antibiotics and educational materials for the general public; and

WHEREAS, public health addresses disease prevention and health risk reduction through exchange of information and by supporting the health needs of citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, "U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week" provides an opportunity to highlight the messages of the Tennessee Department of Health and CDC to promote the judicious use of antibiotics by consumers and healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, education and the appropriate use of antibiotics are the primary solution to address the threat of antibiotic resistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 18-24, 2024 as

Antibiotic Awareness 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 eighteenth day of November 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State