



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been secured by the selfless sacrifices of our nation's veterans, active-duty service members, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is a national nonprofit organization founded to honor and remember the lives of those who served in our armed forces, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten and their stories continue to inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America Day, observed annually in December, brings together volunteers, families, and communities across the United States to place wreaths on the graves of veterans in more than 3,700 locations, including Tennessee's five State Veterans Cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, this act of remembrance serves to honor the service and sacrifices of veterans and their families, reflect on the price of freedom, and teach younger generations the importance of respecting those who protect our liberties; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2024, Tennesseans will join the nation in this solemn observance to "Remember, Honor, Teach" and express our profound gratitude to the brave men and women who served;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 14, 2024, as

Wreaths Across America Day

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 tenth day of December 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Ruggitt

Secretary of State