



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, trees are a vital natural resource that provide a multitude of benefits including improved air and water quality, the conservation of energy and support for our wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's forested lands make up nearly 50% of the state's total land area, contributing to its natural beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities, and overall economy; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of trees and to renew our commitment to conservation and expansion of both urban and rural landscapes across the state; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the citizens of Tennessee, through education, stewardship, and engagement continue to plant, care for, and preserve the trees in our communities thereby ensuring their viability for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 7, 2025 as

Arbor 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 twenty-fifth day of February 2025.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Mangitt

Secretary of State