



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, since 1972, the National Senior Nutrition Program has funded local agencies and organizations to serve home-delivered and congregate meals that help to ensure older adults have opportunities to stay healthy, independent, and connected; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 130,000 older Tennesseans lack access to enough food for an active, healthy life each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Senior Nutrition Program helps older adults access healthy foods; nutrition screening, education, and counseling; social opportunities; and other supports that encourage well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, services are provided in over 200 congregate settings (such as senior centers or senior housing), as well as home delivered meals to older adults in all 95 Tennessee counties; and

**WHEREAS**, with an increasing older adult population in need of assistance from services such as the Senior Nutrition Program, awareness and support is more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's Senior Nutrition Program is having a positive impact on our communities by providing over 30,000 older Tennesseans with 3.4 million meals during Fiscal Year 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, offering a hot meal and a good friend, Tennesseans who graciously volunteer their time and resources to the Senior Nutrition Programs across our state are helping to ensure both the nutritional and socialization needs of older Tennesseans are being met;

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

*Senior Nutrition 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 eleventh day of March 2025.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Julia Knight*

Secretary of State