



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the state of Tennessee recognizes the immense contributions of its farm and forest families to the preservation and enhancement of our natural resources, including water, soil, and forests, for the benefit of all its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture and forestry stand as the foundations of Tennessee's economy, generating more than \$89 billion in economic activity annually and providing employment for more than 342,000 individuals across various industry sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's vast farmland and forests, spanning over 10.7 million acres and nearly 14 million acres respectively, play a crucial role in supplying food, fiber, and timber to consumers, while also preserving the rich rural heritage and cultural essence of Tennessee's communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee farmers have been instrumental in distributing 32.1 million pounds of food to food banks and providing \$36.9 million in food to schools, demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee farmers have implemented 2,249 Best Management Practices on farms to enhance land and water stewardship, and the state has completed the second Soil Conservation and Nutrient Management Farmer Survey to further improve environmental sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, state funds continue to strengthen rural development by providing crucial support through programs like the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program and Agricultural Enterprise Fund, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee General Assembly will observe Ag Day on the Hill on March 18 to celebrate the important contributions of agriculture and forestry to our state; and raise awareness of the positive contribution agriculture makes in providing the necessary food, fuel, and fiber of everyday life;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2025 as

*Agriculture 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 fourteenth day of March 2025.

*Bill Lee*

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Secretary of State