



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton, born on January 19, 1946, in Sevier County, is a native Tennessean whose extraordinary life and career have brought pride to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton is an acclaimed singer, songwriter, musician, actress, producer, and entrepreneur whose body of work embodies the spirit of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her remarkable career, Dolly Parton has earned numerous awards and accolades and is widely regarded as one of the most influential and beloved artists in the history of American music; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her artistic accomplishments, Dolly Parton has demonstrated an enduring commitment to philanthropy and service, most notably through the Dollywood Foundation and the Imagination Library, which began in Tennessee and has provided hundreds of millions of free books to children around the world, helping to promote early childhood literacy and educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton's generosity, humility, and dedication to improving the lives of others exemplify the values of the Volunteer State and serve as an inspiration to Tennesseans and people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the State of Tennessee celebrates the 80th birthday of Dolly Parton, a Tennessee treasure, and honors her lifetime of achievement, service, and positive impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2026, as

Dolly Parton 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 fifteenth day of January 2026.



Bill Lee

Governor

Joey Hargett

Secretary of State