



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, farming and forestry are foundational to Tennessee's identity and way of life, sustaining generations of farm and forest families whose stewardship of the land provides food, fiber, timber, and renewable resources essential to the daily lives of all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's agricultural and forestry sectors together form a cornerstone of the state's economy, generating more than \$103 billion in economic activity annually; and

**WHEREAS**, forestry deserves special recognition as a defining strength of Tennessee, with nearly 14 million acres of forestland that support working forests, wildlife habitat, clean air and water, and a robust forest products industry; and

**WHEREAS**, further underscoring the importance of forestry to our state, the Wilson County - Tennessee State Fair, to be held in August, will spotlight forestry as a central theme, providing education, engagement, and awareness of the vital role forests and forest management play in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, guided by priorities to promote the responsible use of agricultural and forest resources, encourage rural economic growth, and ensure the safety and reliability of food and fiber production, remains committed to excellence in service to the people of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee General Assembly will observe Ag Day on the Hill on March 17 to celebrate the vital contributions of agriculture and forestry, and to raise awareness of their essential role in providing the food, fuel, and fiber that sustain everyday life;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2026, 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 eighteenth day of February 2026.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Scott Berg*

Secretary of State