



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee is celebrating the Volunteer State's contributions to our nation as "The Original Frontier" during America's 250 celebration; and

WHEREAS, David Crockett was a renowned frontiersman, soldier, statesman, and folk hero whose life and legacy are deeply intertwined with the history and identity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, David Crockett was born in Greene County, Tennessee, and rose from humble beginnings to serve his fellow Tennesseans in the Tennessee General Assembly and the United States Congress, where he became known for his independent spirit, devotion to public service, and unwavering commitment to principle; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Crockett lived, worked, and served in communities across East, Middle, and West Tennessee, including Greene County, where he was born; Lawrence and Franklin counties, where he established himself as a hunter, businessman, and local leader; Gibson County, where he later lived and served the people of West Tennessee; and Nashville, where he served in the Tennessee General Assembly, with ties to multiple regions of the state that reflect the breadth of his influence and the lasting presence of his legacy in historic sites and communities across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Crockett's life exemplified the values of courage, perseverance, and frontier ingenuity that continue to define Tennessee's character and heritage, and his enduring influence is reflected in the creation of Crockett County by the Tennessee General Assembly, with its county seat of Alamo named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, the David Crockett Birthplace State Park preserves the site of his birth and serves as a lasting tribute to his life and legacy, providing Tennesseans and visitors alike with the opportunity to experience and learn about one of the state's most iconic historical figures; and

WHEREAS, the preservation, interpretation, and continued restoration of David Crockett Birthplace State Park are vital to protecting Tennessee's historic resources and ensuring future generations can connect with the state's early history; and

WHEREAS, honoring David Crockett through education, preservation, and stewardship of his birthplace strengthens public understanding of his life beyond legend, grounding his story in the place and values that shaped him; and

WHEREAS, honoring and preserving David Crockett's Tennessee roots strengthens public understanding of his life beyond legend, grounding his story in the place, people, and values that shaped him; and

WHEREAS, David Crockett's life came to an end on March 6, 1836, at the Battle of the Alamo, where he made the ultimate sacrifice, an anniversary that serves as a solemn moment of reflection on his courage and enduring impact on American history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of March 2-6, 2026, as

David Crockett Week

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 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Reger

Secretary of State

