



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 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 more than 150 congregate settings, including senior centers, community centers, and senior housing locations, along with home-delivered meals offered to eligible older adults in all 95 Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, with Tennessee's older adult population continuing to grow, the need for awareness and support of services such as the Senior Nutrition Program is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Senior Nutrition Program made a strong impact during Fiscal Year 2025 by providing more than 3.3 million meals to over 26,000 older Tennesseans across the state; and

WHEREAS, through the service of dedicated volunteers and community partners, older adults across Tennessee receive not only nutritious meals but also essential social connection that reduces isolation and strengthens community ties;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2026 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 third day of March 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Ruggitt

Secretary of State

