



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on February 7, 1876, a group of Maryville College students gathered in a dorm room in Memorial Hall to organize a collegiate baseball club known as the Reckless Baseball Club, marking the beginning of one of the oldest continuous baseball traditions in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the founding students, including John Alfred Silsby and George Samuel Moore, cleared and prepared a field on the College grounds that would become known as Scotland Yard, where baseball has been played for 150 years and which is believed to be among the oldest continuously used baseball diamonds in the world; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural season extended from February through October of 1876, with the Reckless team finishing with an impressive record of eight victories and two defeats; and

WHEREAS, from its earliest days, Maryville College baseball fostered camaraderie, discipline, and school spirit among students while helping establish athletics as an important component of collegiate life in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during a period beginning in 1913, the Maryville College Scots competed against Major League Baseball clubs during spring training exhibitions, including matchups with the New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Boston Red Sox, highlighting the growing reputation of the program; and

WHEREAS, Maryville College baseball has produced talented athletes and coaches who have advanced to professional baseball and has inspired countless alumni who have carried the lessons of teamwork, perseverance, and leadership into their communities and professions; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the program has achieved notable milestones, including conference championships, NCAA tournament appearances, and victories over nationally recognized opponents; and

WHEREAS, the sesquicentennial season of Maryville College baseball highlights not only the longevity of the program but also the broader tradition of collegiate athletics in Tennessee and the enduring legacy of those who have proudly worn the orange and garnet;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby recognize April 3, 2026 as a day to honor

*The 150th Season of
Maryville College Baseball*

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 seventeenth day of March 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State