STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Society of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century was established in 1955; and

WHEREAS, the 450-member strong Tennessee Society of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century has three chapters in East Tennessee, five chapters in Middle Tennessee, and three chapters in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, members of these eleven chapters carry out research projects, publications, and preservation efforts to protect Tennessee's historic sites associated with the early families who contributed so much to our colonial legacies and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Society of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century is committed to recognizing the legacy that these early arrivals left to all Tennesseans and all Americans by contributing to the national effort of recognizing "Colonial Heritage Month" in every state; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee Society carry forth in all of its programs and activities the message of "loving our country, obeying its laws, respecting its flag, and defending it against all enemies";

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

Colonial Heritage 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 first day of October 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

Tre Hargett

Secretary of State