STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee Career Development Month raises awareness of the vital role career and technical education plays in preparing students with the knowledge, skills, and credentials needed to build a strong and highly skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's strategic priorities-including Credentials of Value, Individualized Advising, Seamless Transitions, and Work-Based Learning-are reshaping how students prepare for life after high school; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's continued advancement and prosperity depend upon the development of skilled workers prepared to succeed in a wide range of careers; and

WHEREAS, work-based learning, apprenticeships, internships, industry-recognized credentials, and early postsecondary opportunities help students develop the skills and experience necessary to pursue fulfilling careers across diverse industries; and

WHEREAS, career and technical student organizations play a vital role in helping students develop technical, leadership, and professional skills in high-growth, high-wage, and in-demand industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, career development programs and career coaches provide support and guidance to help students participate in the courses and opportunities necessary to succeed in postsecondary education, the military, or the workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9-13, 2026 as Early Postsecondary Opportunities Week and the month of November 2026 as

Career Development 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 seventh day of October 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

Tre Hargett

Secretary of State