



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, older Tennesseans are valued members of society, who deserve to live safely, with dignity and as independently as possible with the support they need; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is any act that harms an older person or jeopardizes his or her health or welfare and is an ever-increasing problem that crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services Program of the Tennessee Department of Human Services and the Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability work together to help raise awareness and encourage reporting of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans have a responsibility to serve as protectors of the older population; and

WHEREAS, the State Coordinated Community Response team, comprised of approximately 20 state agencies and organizations, collaborate to improve the investigation, response and delivery of services to older and most vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, the Securities and Regulatory Boards Division of the Department of Commerce & Insurance along with the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Division of Consumer Affairs work to raise awareness of financial scams, identity theft across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is greatly underreported and there is a significant need to increase education and awareness of this crime against our valued citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2023 as

Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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-third day of May 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Pargett

Secretary of State