



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the local communities through economic development, energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans value local control over community services, and therefore value community-owned, locally-controlled, non-for-profit electric utilities; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's 60 municipal and county power distributors provide reliable and affordable power to 4.5 million Tennesseans, including 65% of the state's residential, commercial, and industrial customers, and provide over 71% of the electricity sold in the state; and

WHEREAS, many of Tennessee's cities have been electric providers for more than 80 years; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's municipal and county electric utilities hold \$12.7 billion in assets and disburse \$213 million in lieu of tax payments to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee leads the nation in public power, ranking first in public power megawatt hours, second in public power revenue, and second in the number of public power customers; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service and evidence commitment to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's public power utilities will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to their community, homes and businesses, just as they have for generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1-7, 2023, as

Public Power Week

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 sixth day of September, 2023.



Bill Lee

Governor

Deborah

Secretary of State