



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, nothing is more important to our state's long-term success than expanding opportunities for Tennessee children; and

**WHEREAS**, education has the power to change the trajectory of a child's life and every student in Tennessee should have access to a quality education; and

**WHEREAS**, parents know best for their child's education and should be empowered with the freedom to pick the right school for their child; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is home to a multitude of high-quality education options for families to choose from, including public, public charter, magnet, and non-public schools, as well as homeschooling; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many dedicated teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating Tennessee children; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has made historic investments to strengthen education for students, including more than \$1.8 billion in additional state funding for public education since 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2024, as

*School Choice 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 twenty-first day of January 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargrett*

Secretary of State