



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 dedicating billions of dollars in state funding to 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 25-31, 2026 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 tenth day of December 2025.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jeffrey B. Matthews

Secretary of State

