



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, natural disasters at home and around the world remind us that Tennessee could face a catastrophic disaster on any day; and

**WHEREAS**, earthquakes present a constant threat of catastrophic damage and loss of life to Tennesseans, and preparation and awareness of the dangers by the public may help mitigate losses; and

**WHEREAS**, community preparedness depends on the preparedness of individuals in every sector of the community, public and private; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of everyone in Tennessee improves when businesses, communities, individuals, families, government, neighborhoods, organizations, and schools come together to prepare for catastrophic earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the West Tennessee Seismic Safety Commission, the University of Memphis Center for Earthquake Research and Information, the MidSouth Association of Contingency Planners, the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium, Tennessee Structural Assessment and Visual Evaluation (TNSAVE) Coalition, and many other groups and individuals work year-round to promote earthquake awareness and safety in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, at 10:17 a.m. on October 17, 2019, many Tennesseans will participate in the Great Central U.S. Shake Out, a voluntary earthquake exercise, by practicing the "Drop, Cover & Hold" technique that could help prevent injury during an earthquake;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2019 as

## *Earthquake Shake Out 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 thirteenth day of September, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State