



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."— Preamble to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, the Continental Congress approved, and thirty-nine men signed, the proposed Constitution for the United States of America, sending it to the states for ratification. This document, once ratified, created the federal government, established its only legitimate powers and the boundaries within which said power could be exercised; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Article VI, Clause 2 of the Constitution, it is the supreme law of the land, joined only by laws of the United States made in pursuance thereof and treaties made within the authority delegated to the United States; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States, all members of the legislatures and all executive and judicial officers of both the United States and the several States are bound by oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States. However, they are not the only ones with a duty to support the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Federalist Papers author and first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay, exhorted "Every member of the State ought diligently to read and to study the constitution of his country, and teach the rising generation to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be the better prepared to defend and assert them." It is incumbent on the people to read and study the Constitution of our country, so that we may defend and assert our rights; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to celebrate this magnificent document on the anniversary of its creation;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Cameron Sexton, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, at the request of and in conjunction with Representative Pat Marsh, do hereby proclaim that we join with our fellow Americans in commemorating the week of September 11-17, 2022, as Constitution Week and invite the people of Tennessee to observe that week by taking John Jay's advice to read and study the Constitution of our country and prepare ourselves to defend and assert our rights against all those who would infringe on them, whether foreign or domestic.

PROCLAIMED in Nashville, Tennessee, on this
the 29th day of June 2022.




SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PAT MARSH, REPRESENTATIVE
62ND HOUSE DISTRICT


SHANE REEVES, SENATOR
14TH SENATE DISTRICT