



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, since 1984, the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) has continued to provide small business assistance - starting and growing Tennessee's small businesses and helping build the economy one business at a time; and

**WHEREAS**, the TSBDC provides no-cost, one-to-one business consultation services and training services to individuals across the state at any stage of business; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, 6,348 entrepreneurs participated in no-cost confidential counseling for start-up and existing businesses; 6,172 individuals attended training seminars; entrepreneurs and businesses were able to successfully obtain and utilize \$90.4 million in capital; all of which were instrumental in the creation and support of local jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Tennessee Small Business Development Center has helped Tennessee to become a nationwide leader in job creation and small business growth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2023, as

*Tennessee Small Business Development Center 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 twentieth day of February 2023.

  
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Governor

  
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Secretary of State

