

Tennessee Quit Week 2023 Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General has stated that smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in our society; and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke account for 480,000 deaths each year in the United States, including the deaths of 11,400 Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, 125,000 Tennesseans under age 18 who are alive today will ultimately die from smoking unless smoking rates decline; and

WHEREAS, productivity losses caused by smoking each year equal \$8.5 billion in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, quitting smoking greatly reduces the risk of developing smoking-related diseases; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Quit Week is a campaign to promote the importance of and resources for quitting smoking in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, dedicating a week to promote smoking cessation will encourage tobacco users to call the Tennessee Tobacco QuitLine and make a quit plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [Elected Official's Name], [Official Title e.g. Mayor, Commissioner, etc.] of [City or County], do hereby proclaim the weeks of February 19 – February 24, 2023 as

TENNESSEE QUIT WEEK

in [City or County] and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.