



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 69

**AN ORDER PROMOTING HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPTIONS IN  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee is committed to the health and well-being of its state employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee recognizes that obesity, type 2 diabetes and other weight-related conditions are significant public health issues for state employees and all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated sixty-four percent (64%) of Tennesseans are considered overweight or obese; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee is launching ParTNers for Health, a new state employee health benefits program aimed at improving members health and controlling the escalating costs of health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee is expanding its health management and wellness program to offer additional support to members suffering from chronic health conditions, including obesity-related illnesses such as diabetes, stroke, coronary heart disease, osteoarthritis, hypertension and depression; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee has implemented the GetFitTN program to promote statewide awareness of the need to address the rising epidemic of type 2 diabetes and obesity by encouraging physical activity and healthier diets for all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, this Administration and the State of Tennessee fully support the statutory priority granted to blind individuals to operate vending facilities on public property; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee believes that state employees and visiting members of the public deserve greater choice and access to healthy food and beverage items on public property.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law do hereby order and direct the following:

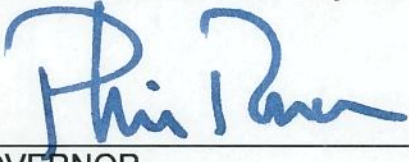
1. The Department of Finance and Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and appropriate blind vendor representatives shall develop and publish guidelines establishing minimum nutritional standards for food and beverages sold at vending facilities on public property. For purposes of this Executive Order, the term "public property" shall be limited only to those properties in the executive branch of state government subject to administration by the Departments of General Services or Finance and

Administration. This Executive Order applies to all vending machines on any such public properties serviced by licensed blind vendors; private third party vendors who operate pursuant to agreements with licensed blind vendors or the Department of Human Services; and private vending companies who operate on public properties whereby the Department of Human Services has waived its priority. The Department of Finance and Administration, in consultation with the Department of Human Services and appropriate blind vendor representatives, shall develop and publish guidelines establishing standards for labeling and placement of food and beverages sold at vending facilities on public property, along with pricing and other incentives to encourage the purchase of items meeting the nutritional standards referenced above.

2. The Department of Human Services shall amend the appropriate written agreements and/or permits with property management officials and/or existing vendors operating vending facilities on public property to incorporate the guidelines and minimum standards described above by January 1, 2011. All permits issued after January 1, 2011 shall include the guidelines and minimum standards.
3. The Department of Health shall publish recommendations for nutritional food and beverages provided to state employees at breaks, meetings, conferences and other work-related events held on public property.
4. The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Health shall provide notice to all executive branch state agencies of the guidelines and standards developed pursuant to this Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010.



  
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE