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STATE OF TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 47

AN EMERGENCY ORDER TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY ON JUNE 6 IN MEMPHIS

WHEREAS, recent protests in various areas of the State took a violent and unlawful turn, resulting in the unacceptable endangerment of life, property, and public safety, and this Order is intended to prevent any such endangerment of life, property, and safety; and

WHEREAS, in response to these events, local officials in affected areas have declared states of emergency, imposed curfews, and taken other measures to protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with these local officials, starting on May 30 through the present, I have mobilized the National Guard to assist in protecting the lives and property of Tennesseans, declared a state of emergency, and imposed a curfew in certain areas; and

WHEREAS, the measures contained in this Order are issued in collaboration with local officials in Memphis in order to protect persons and property; and

WHEREAS, local and state law enforcement officers and first responders are working diligently to maintain order and safety throughout the State, and the measures contained in this Order are designed to support those efforts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other emergency management powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with the emergency, order evacuations from certain areas, make orders controlling ingress and egress to and from an emergency area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein, make orders concerning entry and exit and the occupancy of premises within an emergency area, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare a state of emergency and order the following:

1. Effective at 10:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 6, 2020, and continuing until 5:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 7, 2020, in order to protect life and property, a general curfew is imposed in the city of Memphis.

2. This curfew shall not apply to law enforcement and fire department personnel, first responders, and other officials assisting with maintaining public safety, including medical personnel in the performance of their duties, members of the media covering the events, and any other persons lawfully on the streets and in public places with permission from law enforcement personnel, such permission to be granted upon good cause shown.

3. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-120, violation of this Order and the curfew established herein constitutes a Class A misdemeanor. Such violations are enforceable by state and local law enforcement entities, which are hereby directed and authorized to secure compliance with this Order as necessary in their discretion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 6th day of June, 2020.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE