

## **PARDON**

## TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in November of 1977, in the Criminal Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, Robert Scales was convicted of one count of burglary (case no. 72899); and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's constitution and statutory law authorize the governor to grant executive elemency, including the power to issue pardons; and

WHEREAS, this case appears to me to be a proper one for the exercise of executive elemency for the following reasons:

Mr. Scales has been committed to prison ministry for over three decades. He is a pastor and his family and friends testified that he is a role model and inspiration to countless people. He is known to have a heart for the downtrodden and to "walk the walk." The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended a pardon for Mr. Scales.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 6 of the Tennessee Constitution and by the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby grant a pardon in favor of Mr. Scales, pardoning him for his 1977 conviction listed above.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Nashville, Tennessee on this 15th day of December, 2023.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF ST. TE

