

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

## COMMUTATION

### TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS**, in April of 2001, in the Criminal Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, Tabatha White (TOMIS #333402) was convicted of one count of first-degree murder (case no. 2000-B-1140); and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's constitution and statutory law authorize the governor to grant executive clemency, including the power to commute sentences; and

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

Ms. White's case history caused one Board of Parole member to conclude that "the justice system erred in the overall disposition of the severity of the punishment in this case." Ms. White's conviction was originally overturned on appeal before ultimately being reinstated on a split decision. Further, Ms. White has suffered two strokes in prison and seeks medical attention other than what she currently receives. Ms. White has also demonstrated great strides towards self-improvement. Earlier this month Ms. White earned her bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University. She previously completed vocational training, anger management training, and other life skills courses. More than fifty individuals expressed their support for Ms. White's clemency application. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended granting Ms. White a commutation to immediate parole eligibility.

**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 commute the sentence imposed upon Tabatha White for her conviction of one count of first-degree murder to make her eligible for parole consideration by the Tennessee Board of Parole. Ms. White shall live the life of a good citizen and shall not violate any of the laws of the United States, the State of Tennessee, or any other state and shall not be guilty of conduct which is illegal or improper in the opinion of the governor.

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 22nd day of December, 2022.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

