

# Proclamation

## Hamilton County, Tennessee

**W**hereas: The travel and tourism industry is a consistent driver of Hamilton County's economy and workforce; and,

Whereas: our robust travel and tourism industry provides significant economic benefits, generating more than \$1.5 billion in economic output annually, with 15.6 million visitors hosted by our community; and,

Whereas: spending by travelers generates \$126 million in state and local taxes annually and supports essential services and programs such as education and public safety; and,

Whereas: the travel and tourism industry is the foundation of a healthy workforce, supporting over 30,000 jobs locally; and,

Whereas: travel and tourism-dependent businesses and organizations are responsible for welcoming visitors worldwide to explore Hamilton County, and all our community has to offer; and,

Whereas: National Travel and Tourism Week 2023 is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and spotlighting travel's essential role in stimulating economic growth, cultivating diverse communities, and building the path forward; and,

Whereas: the future of travel is developing persistent innovation, facilitating economic recovery, increasing destination competitiveness, and rebuilding Hamilton County's workforce; and,


Whereas: the future of travel is now in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Weston Wamp, Mayor of Hamilton County, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 7-14, 2023 as

### **"National Travel and Tourism Week"**

in Hamilton County, and urge the citizens to pay special tribute to this week and its importance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Hamilton County to be affixed this the 9th day of May, 2023.

  
Weston Wamp, County Mayor  
Hamilton County, Tennessee