



City of Chattanooga
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: the travel and tourism industry is a consistent driver of Chattanooga, Tennessee'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. 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 Chattanooga, Tennessee, and all our community has to offer; and

Whereas: National Travel and Tourism Week 2023 is celebrating its 40th 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 Chattanooga, Tennessee's workforce; and

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

Now Therefore,

I, Tim Kelly, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, do hereby proclaim
May 7-14th, 2023

National Travel and Tourism Week

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of Chattanooga to be affixed this.



Tim Kelly, Mayor