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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 39

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY IN  
DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, on the evening of May 30, 2020, protests in downtown Nashville took a violent and unlawful turn, resulting in the unacceptable endangerment of life, property, and safety of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to these events, the Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew; and

**WHEREAS**, local and state law enforcement officers and first responders are working diligently to maintain order and safety in downtown Nashville; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of Mayor Cooper, I mobilized the National Guard to assist in protecting the lives and property of Tennesseans, which is a critical responsibility of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the measures contained in this Order are issued in collaboration with Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County in order to protect persons and property in the areas affected; 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 May 30, 2020, and continuing until 6:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 31, 2020, in order to protect life and property, a general curfew is imposed in the downtown Nashville area and Urban Services District of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County. This curfew shall not apply to law enforcement personnel and other officials assisting with maintaining public safety, including medical personnel in the performance of their duties, and any other persons lawfully on the streets and in public places with permission from law enforcement personnel.
2. 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 30th day of May, 2020.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

