

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

PARDON

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in July of 1997, in the Criminal Court for Shelby County, Tennessee, Melissa Smith was convicted of one count of forgery (case no. 97-04417); in September of 1997, in the Criminal Court for Shelby County, Tennessee, Ms. Smith was convicted of one count of forgery (case no. 97-00648); in February of 2004, in the Criminal Court for Shelby County, Tennessee, Ms. Smith was convicted of two counts of forgery (case nos. 03-07619 and 03-03326); in November of 2004, in the Criminal Court for Shelby County, Tennessee, Ms. Smith was convicted of one count of driving with license revoked (case no. 04-06419); in January of 2006, in the Criminal Court for Shelby County, Tennessee, Ms. Smith was convicted of four counts of forgery (case nos. 05-0361, 05-0362, 05-02666, 05-02667); in August of 2007, in the Criminal Court for Shelby County, Tennessee, Ms. Smith was convicted of one count of theft and one count of driving with license revoked (case no. 07-2919); and in September 2005, in the Criminal Court for Madison County, Tennessee, Ms. Smith was convicted of three counts of theft of property over \$1000, one count of theft of property under \$500, one count of conspiracy to commit theft of property over \$1000, and one count of possession of marijuana (case no. 05240); and

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

WHEREAS, this case appears to me to be a proper one for the exercise of executive clemency because Ms. Smith has demonstrated exemplary citizenship since the completion of her sentences, as well as a compelling reason for a pardon.

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 Ms. Smith, pardoning her for her convictions 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 20th day of December, 2024.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

