

## **PARDON**

## TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in May of 1996, in the Criminal Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, Joseph Whitfield was convicted of one count of delivering a controlled substance (case no. IF8235); and in April of 2000, in the Criminal Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, Joseph Whitfield was convicted of one count of possession for resale of a controlled substance (case no. 99-C-1818); 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 elemency because Mr. Whitfield has demonstrated exemplary citizenship since the completion of his 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 Mr. Whitfield, pardoning him for his 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

