



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2021, Ford Motor Company announced that it has selected what is commonly referred to as the megasite property in Fayette and Haywood counties (the “Megasite”) for its Blue Oval City project, consisting of one of the largest battery and vehicle manufacturing campuses in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Ford Motor Company and SK Innovation through a joint venture will invest \$5.6 billion in the Blue Oval City campus, where production of all-electric F-series trucks will begin in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will result in the creation of 5,800 new jobs on the Blue Oval City campus and is expected to generate more than 27,000 new jobs that directly or indirectly support the Megasite’s operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact to the State is significant, with projections that the project will result in \$1.02 billion in annual earnings and contribute \$3.5 billion annually to Tennessee’s gross state product; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly should consider legislation to effectuate the creation of an authority to incentivize, develop, and manage the Megasite property and provide for the development of other programs, property, and ancillary services supporting and benefitting the Megasite, including but not limited to transportation, education, and workforce development, as well as water and wastewater services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Tennessee that the General Assembly convene to address these matters.

**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 9 of the Tennessee Constitution, do hereby call the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to meet and convene in extraordinary session at the Capitol in Nashville on October 18, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, to consider and act upon legislation for: (1) adding a new chapter in Title 64 relative to creation and operation of a new authority to incentivize, develop, manage, and provide services to the property commonly known as the megasite property in Fayette and Haywood counties, and to such other properties servicing the property commonly known as the megasite property in Fayette and Haywood counties, and to provide for the development of other programs, property, and ancillary services supporting and benefitting the property commonly known as the megasite property in Fayette and Haywood counties, including but not limited to transportation, education, and workforce and community development, as well as water and wastewater services; (2) amending Title 64, Chapter 6 relative to creation and establishment of regional megasite authorities in order to except and allow for the creation of the new authority herein and amending any other law to effectuate the purposes described herein; (3) making appropriations to incentivize, develop, and manage the property commonly known as the megasite property in Fayette and Haywood counties, and to provide for the development of other programs, property, and ancillary services supporting and benefitting the property commonly known as the megasite property in Fayette and Haywood counties, including but not limited to transportation, education, and workforce and community development, as well as water and wastewater services; (4) making appropriations sufficient to provide funding for any act which receives final passage during the extraordinary session; and (5) making appropriations sufficient to pay the expenses of the extraordinary session of the General Assembly, including the expenses of carrying out any actions taken pursuant to this call.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 30th day of September, 2021.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

