

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

**PARDON**

**TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:**

**WHEREAS**, on January 18, 2005, in the Criminal Court for Shelby County, Tennessee, Brandon Lynn Benson (TOMIS #386349) was convicted of aggravated assault (case no. 04-05992) and was sentenced to three years of probation. This conviction and other misdemeanor convictions arose from behavior related to substance abuse; 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 for the following reasons:

Mr. Benson has turned his life around since 2012 and is committed to his recovery, his family, and his community. He earned his bachelor's degree in religion from Liberty University in 2019 and mentors others with substance abuse issues as a drug and alcohol counselor at HOPE of East Tennessee. Several community members attest to Mr. Benson's rehabilitation and positive community contributions, and his voting rights have been restored. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended pardoning Mr. Benson.

**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 Brandon Lynn Benson, pardoning him for his 2005 conviction of aggravated assault.

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 2nd day of December, 2021.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

