

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

PARDON

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in May of 2004, in the Criminal Court for Fentress County, Relerford Lee Brown (TOMIS #370936) was convicted of theft of property \$500 to \$1,000 (case no. 8667) and sentenced to two years in the Community Corrections Program. Earlier, in March of 2004, he was convicted of burglary in the Criminal Court for Putnam County (case no. 03-0362). He served six months and was released to Community Corrections. These convictions 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:

Since Mr. Brown's release, he founded Brown Recovery to work with inmates on their rehabilitation. He has served on the Board of Manna House Ministries, which serves recovering drug addicts. Brown now works in the school system as a bus driver. He received his high school diploma and has been sober for more than 15 years. Brown paid restitution for the theft and burglary. Proponents of his pardon include his pastors, Fentress County Executive, Fentress County Circuit Court Clerk, Fentress County Trustee, Fentress County Clerk, his probation officer, his employer, and numerous members of the community. Their letters of support describe Mr. Brown's involvement in the community and his efforts to help others. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended granting a pardon to Mr. Brown.

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 Relerford Brown, pardoning him for his 2004 convictions of theft and burglary.

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

