

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

## PARDON

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

**WHEREAS**, in February of 1974, in the Criminal Court for Hamilton County, Tennessee, Charles Benjamin Sanderfur received a suspended workhouse sentence and \$2 fine for possession of legend drugs (case no. 29418), and in November of 1975, in the Criminal Court for Hamilton County, Tennessee, he was convicted of concealing stolen property and sentenced to 1 to 2 years in the penitentiary (case no. 131270). Finally, in July of 1985, in the Criminal Court for Hamilton County, Tennessee, he was convicted of grand larceny and burglary (case nos. 160830 and 160831) and was sentenced to 4 years. 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. Sanderfur overcame his substance abuse behavior and has committed his life to community service. He has a B.A. in Divinity and has been the pastor of Allen Bethel A.M.E. Church in Lewisburg, Tennessee, for the past 10 years. He is a retired state employee with 28 years of service. He is the founder of the Nashville Community Prison Ministry & Choir, a Volunteer Chaplain at Turney Center Industrial Prison, board chairman and property manager of the 18th Ave. Family Enrichment Center Child Care Agency, Chaplain of the TSU Alumni Association, treasurer of the Volunteer Advisory Board of Middle Tennessee, and a volunteer with Men of Valor. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended pardoning Mr. Sanderfur.

**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 Charles Benjamin Sanderfur, pardoning him for his 1974, 1975, and 1985 convictions.

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

