

## **PARDON**

## TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on June 17, 1993, in the Criminal Court for Hawkins County, Tennessee, Kenney L. Simpson (TOMIS #222850) was convicted of burglary, theft up to \$500 and driving without a license and sentenced to 2 years and 1 day of prison (case nos. 6289 and 23573). The theft conviction was a misdemeanor, and the sentence was 11 months and 29 days in county jail. The sentences were run concurrently. The sentence for burglary was suspended to probation on July 12, 1993; 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 for the following reasons:

Mr. Simpson has maintained a law-abiding life for over 25 years. He and his wife have been married for 27 years, and they have three adult children and foster their 7-year-old great-niece. He is a trustee of his church and is active with youth activities and softball in his community. He is a licensed contractor and a trained construction supervisor, and he has received a certificate of employability. He is remorseful for his offenses and has received several letters of support from his pastor, church members, and his supervisor discussing his outstanding character. The Tennessee Board of Parole recommended pardoning Mr. Simpson.

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 Kenney L. Simpson, pardoning him for his 1993 convictions of burglary, theft up to \$500 and driving without a license.

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

