



A PROCLAMATION

On Behalf Of The People Of
THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE

By Her Honor The Mayor
Indya Kincannon
To Publicly Recognize

Knox County Master Gardeners

- WHEREAS:** The Knox County Master Gardeners organization was the first Master Gardener program to begin classes in Tennessee on October 17, 1985; and
- WHEREAS:** University of Tennessee Extension Agents Doug Dalton and Harry Bryan saw the value of a program that helped Extension with public outreach and organized the original KCMG program; and
- WHEREAS:** The first class graduated 48 people and has held training programs each year since; and
- WHEREAS:** Master Gardeners annually contribute more than 20,000 volunteer hours, valued at \$611,000 to 16 projects, including the Tennessee Valley Fair, farmers' markets, the Tennessee Smart Yards festival, garden classrooms, and regular garden presentations and videos that teach Knoxville residents how to use proven, sustainable methods to maintain private and public properties; and
- WHEREAS:** On this occasion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of Knox County Master Gardeners, we recognize and enthusiastically support their mission to build healthier, more sustainable communities by providing evidence-based horticulture information and education through events and activities that benefit all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee,
do hereby proclaim October 17, 2025 to be:

40 Years of Knox County Master Gardeners Day

in our city and ask all residents to join in this observance.

Given under my hand and affixed with the
Seal of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee,
This Seventeenth Day of October, 2025


Mayor

