

THE STATE OF



TENNESSEE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

PARDON

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on June 8, 1979, in the Criminal Court for Sullivan County, Tennessee, Steven Lee Kennedy was convicted of aiding and abetting the fraudulent use of a credit card (case no. 13,278K) and received a one-year sentence of incarceration that was suspended to two years of probation; and

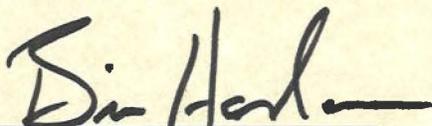
WHEREAS, Tennessee's constitution and statutory law authorize the governor to grant executive clemency, including the power to issue pardons; and

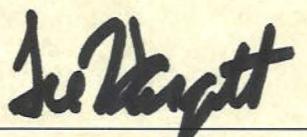
WHEREAS, this case appears to me to be a proper one for the exercise of executive clemency for the following reasons:

Mr. Kennedy was nineteen years old at the time of the offense and used a credit card stolen by his then-girlfriend to purchase a coat, a theft which he admitted to police upon being confronted. Mr. Kennedy went on to serve in the United States Navy as a weapons officer for twenty-seven years—including in the Beirut, Kosovo, Operation Desert Storm, Operations Desert Shield, and Afghanistan conflicts—became a commissioned officer, and retired with an honorable discharge in 2008 after having achieved numerous decorations and distinctions for his service. He later served in supervisory roles for the United States Army as a civilian and for two private companies. The Tennessee Board of Parole issued a unanimous, positive recommendation for granting a pardon in favor of Mr. Kennedy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, 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 Steven Lee Kennedy, pardoning him for his 1979 conviction for aiding and abetting the fraudulent use of a credit card.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

