



VOTE YES ON 3
END THE EXCEPTION

Over 150 years after the Civil War ended, slavery and involuntary servitude are still legal in Tennessee.

The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution should have ended slavery, but it did not. Instead, it included an exception that allowed slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime.

The current language of our Tennessee Constitution preserves the same language as the U.S. Constitution. It reads, “That slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, are forever prohibited by this State.”

The passage of Amendment 3 will finally end the exception clause in our State Constitution. Once Amendment 3 passes, the Tennessee Constitution will read, “That slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.”

ON NOVEMBER 8, VOTE “YES” ON AMENDMENT 3!
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