



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the No Tennessee Child Goes Hungry Campaign, created in September 2015, is a partnership that includes collaborations with parents, non-profit organizations, community, federal, state, and local partners to ensure "No Tennessee Child Goes Hungry"; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 children face the risk of hunger each day and 25% of Tennessee households with children live in a food insecure environment; and

WHEREAS, when Tennessee children are hungry, it can affect their ability to learn and grow, especially during the summer months when school is out; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about the Summer Food Service Program in local communities increases the number of meals served during the summer months impacting thousands of Tennessee children that may otherwise go hungry; and

WHEREAS, consistent, nutritious meals are a necessary building block for children and equipping them with a solid foundation for learning, good health, emotional stability and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans can share our strength and help provide children with the meals they need to grow and succeed; and

WHEREAS, when Tennessee's children are not hungry, Tennessee communities are stronger, leading to an increased well-being for everyone; and

WHEREAS, as a community and state we have a shared responsibility to our neighbors to take action and bring an end to child hunger;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 11, 2016 as

No Tennessee Child Hungry Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighth day of March, 2016.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Wargel

Secretary of State