



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, homeownership is an integral part of the American Dream and enhances the wellbeing, pride, and prosperity of Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, homeownership strengthens communities, economically and culturally, and encourages residents to be more active and invested their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, homeownership is fundamental to the health of the Tennessee economy and an important generator of jobs, income, and financial security throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the National Housing Act, which President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law in June of 1934, made homeownership available to millions of families who previously could not have afforded to buy their own homes; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's loan programs helped provide the dream of homeownership to 2,275 households in Tennessee in 2015; and

WHEREAS, through the HOME program, 288 families/individuals were assisted with homeownership or some type of homeowner preservation during 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency helped to provide safe, sound affordable housing to 754 families through its Housing Trust Fund in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's Keep My Tennessee Home and Foreclosure Prevention programs helped 1,082 homeowners in preventing foreclosure and mitigating the impact of foreclosure in 2015; and

WHEREAS, developers, lenders, real estate professionals, nonprofit counselors, and government agencies work together in promoting and preserving homeownership opportunities for the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Homeownership Month provides an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to homeownership;

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

Homeownership Month

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 fifteenth day of March, 2016.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Julie Haydt

Secretary of State