



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is a proven tool for encouraging growth and development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability, and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, 2016 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, which led to the Tennessee Historical Commission being designated as the State Historic Preservation Office, mandated surveys of historic properties across Tennessee, and initiated the Section 106 Review Process, through which approximately 3,000 projects are reviewed annually to determine their impact on historic resources; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the National Historic Preservation Act and its amendments, there are 2142 National Register listings in Tennessee comprising 42,579 resources, 37 Certified Local Governments, and \$952 million dollars in completed Certified Historic Rehabilitation tax credit projects, and under the Section 106 Review Process, approximately 3,000 projects are reviewed annually to determine their impact on historic resources; and

**WHEREAS**, "This Place Matters" is the theme for the 2016 National Historic Preservation Month, co-sponsored by the Tennessee Historical Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation;

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

*Historic Preservation 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 twenty-ninth day of March, 2016.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Julie Stynes*

Secretary of State