



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the practice of joining metals together, that led to the modern techniques of welding, traces its lineage back thousands of years and has played a vital role in the development of cultures and societies around the world; and

WHEREAS, the craft of welding has improved production methods for generation to generation, from blacksmithing of the early settlers, to shipbuilding during World War II, to the bridges and buildings we use today, welding has forever left its mark upon our great state and nation; and

WHEREAS, continuing to link our educational systems to the needs of our state industry will insure that our states manufacturers remain strong and viable for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated as an awareness campaign to advance the science, technology and application of welding and materials joining disciplines; and

WHEREAS, national welding month, a month dedicated to welding education and promoting the industry that holds our world together;

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

Welding 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-eighth day of March, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Vargo in blue ink.

Secretary of State