



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 is the sixth annual "Kids to Parks Day," organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in Park attendance over the last decades; and

**WHEREAS**, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, families are encouraged to make time on this date to take their children to a neighborhood, state or national park;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2016 as

*Kids to Parks 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 eighteenth day of April, 2016.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hays*

Secretary of State