



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, during the height of the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed a national day of observance to recognize the strength of military spouses; and

WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, standardized the date of Military Spouse Day, declaring it to be held on the Friday before Mother's Day going forward; and

WHEREAS, the husbands and wives of the members of our great military rise to the challenge of supporting and caring for their spouses as well as their families and households in a unique and selfless way; and

WHEREAS, we understand that it is essential to show our public appreciation for the steadfast commitment of the spouses, and loved ones of our Nation's military; and

WHEREAS, the understanding, dedication, and service of the husbands and wives left behind enable those in the Armed Forces to focus on the mission, knowing the family at home is in good hands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 7, 2016 as

Military Spouse 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 twelfth day of April, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State