



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation;

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create American jobs in Tennessee;

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation;

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history;

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

Immigrant Heritage 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 tenth day of May, 2016.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Julie V. V. V.

Secretary of State