



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, preparing Tennesseans for disasters and emergencies is a priority of state government; and,

WHEREAS, the preparedness of all Tennesseans for disasters and emergencies is a cooperative effort of businesses, citizens, families, and government working together; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans may have to rely on themselves, their family, their friends and their neighbors in large disasters until first responders arrive; and

WHEREAS, educating our citizens on how to make an emergency preparedness kit and an emergency preparedness plan is vitally important to their being able to cope during disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters and its member stations are dedicated to raising preparedness awareness, and to providing critical information to the public during disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, being able to alert and inform the public of potential emergencies, hazards, and threats, is critical to protecting and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) is a crucial technology that allows the efficient and effective delivery and dissemination of emergency public information from all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, a statewide test of IPAWS in Tennessee will occur on Thursday, September 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, September is designated as National Preparedness Month;

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

Preparedness 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 July, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

