



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of deep concern in the United States, and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, hunger is a reality for one in six Tennesseans, including one in four children; and

WHEREAS, for more than 1 million Tennesseans hunger is diminishing the capacity for children to learn, exacerbating the ill health conditions of seniors, and burdening the strength of the working poor; and

WHEREAS, children, families and seniors across the State of Tennessee depend on support from Feeding America member food banks and its network of food pantries, food kitchens, child care facilities, senior centers, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, charities, and government all have a role to play in getting food to those in need; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including five in the State of Tennessee: Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee, Mid-South Food Bank and Chattanooga Area Food Bank, will host numerous events on Thursday, September 8, 2016, and throughout the month to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 8 as Hunger Action Day and the month of September, 2016 as

Hunger Action 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 eighth day of August, 2016.



Bill Haslam

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Secretary of State