



STATE OF TENNESSEE
P R O C L A M A T I O N

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the "2G for Tennessee" Awareness Campaign, initiated by the Department of Human Services in December 2015, is a partnership that builds on the Two-Generation Strategy and includes collaborations with parents, non-profit organizations, community, federal, national, state, and local partners to promote Two-Generation, hereafter referred to as 2Gen, practices in order to address intergenerational poverty;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to build on existing efforts to promote public awareness of addressing poverty in Tennessee and the 2Gen;

WHEREAS, the 2Gen strategy builds on families' strengths and emphasizes the focus on providing equal and intentional services and opportunities for both the parent and the child;

WHEREAS, the 2Gen tactics include increasing access to early childhood and postsecondary education, economic supports, building a family's social capital, and improving health & well-being to help create cycles of success;

WHEREAS, in organizations, 2Gen can be applied through programs, policies, systems and research to invoke change;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Human Services initiated its "2Gen Awareness Tour" and launched its "2G for Tennessee" webpage in March 2016 to increase public awareness and provide information to the public on the 2Gen strategy for addressing poverty in Tennessee;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Human Services established the 2 Gen Consortium, hereafter referred to as the 2GC, in December 2015 in an effort to create cycles of success for children and families experiencing poverty in Tennessee through the 2Gen strategy and is demonstrative of the department's unwavering commitment to a strength-based perspective towards growing capacity and reducing dependency;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Human Services established the annual Resilient Families Forum in 2012 in a strategic effort to convene parents, non-profit organizations, community, federal, national, state, and local partners to courageously evaluate the system of support for Tennessee families living in poverty and to build the well-being of Tennesseans at all stages of life resulting in the adoption of the 2Gen strategy;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Human Services will host its Fifth Annual Resilient Families Forum, themed "2G for Tennessee", on August 30, 2016 with a laser focus on creating cycles of success through the 2Gen strategy while highlighting existing 2Gen initiatives for strengthening services and improving outcomes for children and families;

WHEREAS, the 2Gen Strategy to addressing intergenerational poverty offers an opportunity for all to align with an innovative strategy and when, as a community, we make sure that everyone can reach their potential and fully contribute to our communities, we all benefit. Maximizing the potential of the people who are our neighbors, our workforce, and our civic body ensures that our communities remain vibrant places to live and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 30, 2016 as

"2G for Tennessee" 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 twenty-fourth day of August, 2016.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Scott West

Secretary of State