



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Week for the Animals is an opportunity to recognize the important role that animals play in our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, lives of companion animals will be saved at numerous through adoption events and through spay neuter opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, activities will provide information about adopting your pets from animal shelters, promoting responsible pet ownership, low cost vaccinations/services, volunteering in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, supporting organizations will be at hospitals and living assisted homes, bringing joy for the patients who need and appreciate the love of therapy animals; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week R.E.A.D. dogs will be at numerous libraries offering assistance to youth who benefit from these special therapy animals;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 17-25, 2016 as

*Tennessee Week for the Animals*

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 August, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Bergatt in blue ink.

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Secretary of State