



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health, and children under age six are most at risk for lead poisoning; and

**WHEREAS**, while lead-based paint was banned in 1978, lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust are the most hazardous sources of lead exposure for children; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting children from lead exposure is important to lifelong good health; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, Tennessee identified 1,900 children with blood lead levels greater than the intervention level recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, lead poisoning is 100 percent preventable, and healthcare providers for children age six or younger should talk with families about lead prevention and screen children at ages one and two; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee;

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

*Lead Poisoning Prevention 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 thirty-first day of August, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Kergett in blue ink.

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Secretary of State

