



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the goal of Tennessee's Drive to 55 initiative is to increase the percentage of Tennesseans with a college degree or credentials to fifty-five percent by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, in fall 2015, Tennessee's college going rate grew four and one half percentage points to a historic high of sixty two and one half percent, representing an additional four thousand new entrants into higher education; and

WHEREAS, CollegeforTN.org provides Tennesseans with the resources to prepare for college, choose the institution that best aligns with their career aspirations, and successfully meet the requirements of the college application process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Promise provides the opportunity to attend a community or technical college tuition-free to all Tennessee high school students; and

WHEREAS, during the week of September 26-30, all Tennessee high school seniors are encouraged to submit an application to a postsecondary institution with the encouragement and assistance of school, college, and community volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 26-30, 2016, as

College Application Week

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 seventh day of September, 2016.



Bill Haslam

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Secretary of State