



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, low blood supply is a public safety concern both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need to sustain a healthy supply for our residents and visitors

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are more than 6.8 million blood donors in the United States and an estimated 5 million patients receive blood annually; and

WHEREAS, one pint of blood can save the lives of up to three patients, and although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 10% of that eligible population actually participate in blood donation each year; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2016 as

Blood Donation 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 thirtieth day of September, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

