



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, natural disasters at home and around the world remind us that Tennessee could face a catastrophic disaster on any day; and

WHEREAS, earthquakes present a constant threat of damage and loss of life to Tennesseans, and preparation and awareness of the dangers by the public may help mitigate losses; and

WHEREAS, community preparedness depends on the preparedness of individuals in every sector of the community, public and private; and

WHEREAS, the safety of everyone in Tennessee improves when businesses, communities, individuals, families, government, neighborhoods, organizations, and schools come together to prepare for catastrophic earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the West Tennessee Seismic Safety Commission, the University of Memphis Center for Earthquake Research and Information, the Mid-South Association of Contingency Planners, the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium, and many other groups and individuals work year-round to promote earthquake awareness and safety in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, at 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2016, Tennesseans are asked to participate in the Great Central U.S. Shake Out, a voluntary earthquake exercise, by practicing the "Drop, Cover & Hold" technique that could help prevent injury during an earthquake;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016, as

Earthquake Shake Out 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 third day of October, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jo Hargis in blue ink.

Secretary of State

