



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the “War to End all Wars” concluded in 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, prompting President Woodrow Wilson to declare November 11<sup>th</sup> as Armistice Day; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1938, it was decided that Armistice Day was to be dedicated to honor American veterans of all wars, and that day was to be observed on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, thus the creation of Veterans Day; and

**WHEREAS**, on this Veterans Day, 98 years later, we thank over 22 million Americans who are Veterans, over 500,000 of whom are living in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, to those who fought in air, across seas, on foreign land and here in our homeland, in defense of our Nation, we pay you homage: It is because of your service and sacrifice that we are able to exercise our rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, from the patriotism of those who fought in World War I, to the almost 3 million Veterans who served in the Global War on Terror, we find inspiration. Stepping onto the front lines, they have carried the hopes, dreams, and weight of a Nation on their backs; and

**WHEREAS**, although we cannot repay what our Veterans have given to us through their service, we can thank them on this day for the way in which they have protected and served us and future generations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim, November 11, 2016, as

*Veterans 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 fourteenth day of October, 2016.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*John Dargatzis*

Secretary of State