



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, persistent, dry weather has created conditions of extreme drought in certain areas of the State of Tennessee that has contributed to numerous wildfires; and

WHEREAS, to address these conditions, I issued a burn ban on November 14, 2016, covering fifty-one counties pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-1-108; and

WHEREAS, severe weather in Southeast Tennessee on November 29, 2016, including five confirmed tornados, resulted in the loss of life and significant property damage; and

WHEREAS, disaster relief efforts in Southeast Tennessee necessitates certain flexibility, and lifting the ban in Coffee, Marion, McMinn and Polk Counties will enhance response efforts; and

WHEREAS, recent weather conditions have alleviated the dry conditions in certain parts of the State; and

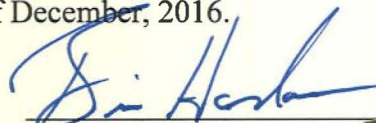
WHEREAS, the work of multiple local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations engaged in wildfire and severe weather relief efforts is commended; and

WHEREAS, continuing the temporary ban on the starting of any open air and unconfined fires in the remaining counties included in the November 14 proclamation will help prevent further wildfires, protect property, and promote public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, including but not limited to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-1-108, do hereby proclaim:

1. The burn ban issued on November 14, 2016, is no longer in effect as of 10:00 a.m., CST, on December 6, 2016, for the following counties: Coffee, Marion, McMinn, and Polk.
2. The starting of any open air and unconfined fire on or near woodlands where dangerous fire hazards exist remains forbidden in the following counties: Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon, Carter, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Cumberland, Dekalb, Fentress, Franklin, Grainger, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Macon, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Smith, Sullivan, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, and White.
3. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-1-108(b), violation of this ban constitutes a Class A misdemeanor.
4. This proclamation shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., CST, on December 15, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 6th day of December, 2016.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

