



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 credential to fifty-five percent by the year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2015-2016 school year, Tennessee led the nation in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submissions with a submission rate of over seventy percent; and

**WHEREAS**, submitting the FAFSA provides Tennesseans with opportunity to access critical financial aid resources including Tennessee Promise, , the HOPE Scholarship, federal student aid and more; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2017, all Tennessee high school seniors and current college students are encouraged to submit their FAFSA with the encouragement and assistance of school, college, and community volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens are encouraged to support the high school seniors and college students of Tennessee as they complete the necessary steps to access financial aid resources that will allow them to succeed in postsecondary education;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 12, 2017 as

*Tennessee FAFSA Frenzy 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 sixth day of December, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

