



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee is proud to recognize and honor the services of women physicians to our state; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 311,886 practicing female physicians in the USA that constitute 34% of the total physician workforce; and

WHEREAS, female physicians are an important part of the medical workforce; and

WHEREAS, building a better healthcare system in the future and a focus on compassionate patient-centered care will require greater participation from females in medicine; and

WHEREAS, Physician Moms Group, as a voice for physicians who are also mothers in the USA, is working to promote changes to create a welcoming work environment for female physicians; and

WHEREAS, community support and recognition of the immense sacrifices female physicians must make for their patients is necessary to support this goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2017 as

Women Physicians 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 twenty-sixth day of January, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Julie Knight

Secretary of State