



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, research suggests that approximately 80% of children who are overweight at age 10-15 will become obese adults; and

WHEREAS, one in three children in our state are overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, many of these children will also suffer from long term effects of Heart Disease, Type 2 Diabetes, Cancer, and Osteoarthritis; and

WHEREAS, Knoxville's Childhood Obesity Coalition provides research-based information by partnering with national experts to improve the care of children who are overweight and obese; and

WHEREAS, building awareness and educating the public about the problem of childhood obesity, partnering with families, schools, community, and government can ultimately, prevent childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Kids Club and Health Happens programs are dedicated to teaching and helping these children gain a better understanding of nutrition and fitness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2017, as

Childhood Obesity Awareness 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 February, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Mangat in blue ink.

Secretary of State

