



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt officially proclaimed "World Trade Week" as a national observance by the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, every year since, the President of the United States has declared the third full week in May as "World Trade Week"; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating this occasion as Tennessee World Trade Month, trade organizations, businesses and other stakeholders will come together to promote and facilitate international trade in the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, the federally appointed Tennessee District Export Councils are using this opportunity to build recognition and awareness and to highlight the role of trade in our own state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the two DEC's in Tennessee will be offering a full agenda of educational seminars and global business networking events, and will also honor exemplary achievements by practitioners in the field; and

WHEREAS, this event will highlight the link between international trade and transportation and the region's economic well-being, celebrate companies and organizations succeeding in the global marketplace, and acknowledge their contribution to the region's economy;

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

World Trade Month

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 sixteenth day of February, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Ward

Secretary of State