



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, our state's greatest resource is its citizens, and their health and well-being is critical to our success; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee consistently ranks in the bottom 10 compared to other states in overall health measures; and

WHEREAS, improving the health of Tennesseans will directly affect the quality of life in our state, attracting more quality jobs, lowering healthcare costs, increasing productivity and reducing absenteeism in the workplace, and bettering life in communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness is dedicated to encouraging and enabling Tennesseans to lead healthier lives through its Healthier Tennessee Communities initiative and by providing a series of free, online wellness tools to help citizens quit tobacco, get more physical activity and eat healthier; and

WHEREAS, 80,000 individuals, more than 2,000 workplaces and faith congregations and 77 communities are engaged with the Foundation and its tools; and

WHEREAS, data from the Centers for Disease Control shows improvement in the past two years in rates of obesity, exercise and overall health rankings; and

WHEREAS, we are building a healthier Tennessee, community by community, with each other, one step at a time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of March 27-31, 2017 as

Healthier Tennessee Week

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-fourth day of February, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Hargitt

Secretary of State