



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, throughout our state's history through the present day, cowboy poets have played a large role in preserving our western heritage and the culture of Tennessee through poetry; and

**WHEREAS**, the long tradition and enduring qualities of these poems and their stories demonstrate that cowboy poetry is part of a long-cherished legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, Tennessee enthusiastically hosts events including Saddle Up in Pigeon Forge and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has produced well-respected cowboy poets;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 16-22, 2017 as

*Cowboy Poetry 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 eighth day of March, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

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Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeff Karp".

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Secretary of State

