



STATE OF TENNESSEE
P R O C L A M A T I O N
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death and hospitalization in Tennessee and affects men, women and children of every age and race; and

WHEREAS, prompt delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and deployment of an automated external defibrillator (AED) can significantly increase the chance of surviving SCA; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20-25% of our population may be on school grounds during the day, it is important for school personnel to be prepared with a team trained in CPR/AED use and a plan that has been practiced; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee law requires all schools having AEDs to prepare a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP), perform annual staff awareness training using Project ADAM or American Heart Association guidelines, and perform at least one AED/CPR practice drill annually; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee schools can receive an honorary designation as a HeartSafe School by meeting specific criteria, with 410 Tennessee schools awarded to date; and

WHEREAS, during this month we join with Project ADAM Tennessee to encourage schools to become HeartSafe by establishing a CERP, providing staff awareness training and practicing a CPR/AED drill;

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

HeartSafe Schools 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 eighth day of March, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Ward

Secretary of State