

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, May 20th, 2017 is the seventh Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks; and

WHEREAS, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and outdoors; and

WHEREAS, families are encouraged to make time on this date to take their children to a neighborhood, state or national park;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2017 as

Kids to Parks 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 thirty-first day of March, 2017.

Governor

Secretary of State