



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

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation's and Tennessee's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1 as the annual day for commemoration of Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy" as the 2017 Law Day theme in recognition of the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most oft-cited constitutional enactments; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment, in the nearly century and a half that has elapsed since its ratification, has guaranteed for all citizens due process of law, the equal protection of the laws, and the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom is an important component of the civic education of the citizens of the United States and the State of Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2017 as

Law 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 eleventh day of April, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

