



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, oral health impacts overall health and good oral health is essential to a healthy life; and

WHEREAS, when we practice good oral health habits we increase our smiles; and

WHEREAS, smiles are morale boosters and confidence builders and when you smile at someone, you communicate that they are valued and worth the smile that you just gave them; and

WHEREAS, it is important for individuals to care for their health by brushing their teeth in the morning, after meals, and at night before bed; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Charitable Care Network (TCCN), with a mission to provide support, education, and representation for non-profit organizations that provide charitable health care services to low-income, uninsured, and underserved Tennesseans and a vision of a strong, compassionate health care safety net, strives to increase access to affordable oral health services for all Tennesseans in need; and

WHEREAS, of TCCN's 30 charitable care members, 15 provide oral health services; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's charitable and reduced cost dental clinics provided more than 25,626 procedures in 2016 to Tennesseans who would have otherwise not received care; and

WHEREAS, TCCN charitable care providers know that restoring a healthy smile can completely turn someone's life around;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 12-16, 2017 as

"Smile Power" Oral Health 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-first day of April, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State