



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, millions of Americans of all ages and genders suffer from eating disorders, and eating disorders affect all races and ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, The week of February 26-March 4 was designated by the National Eating Disorders Association as National Eating Disorders Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, certain eating disorders have very high mortality rates; and

**WHEREAS**, body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) affects 1 out of every 100 people and the suicide rate for those with BDD is substantially greater than that of the general population; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans support initiatives that promote healthier lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, More to Life Ministry coordinates Body Image Awareness Day across Tennessee;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2017 as

*Body Image & Eating Disorders  
Awareness 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 twenty-first day of April, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State