



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a series of severe storms and rain events occurred in April 2017, resulting in heavily saturated soils in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, beginning on April 23, 2017, significant slides and slope failures occurred on State Route 116 in Anderson County at mile marker 17.0, State Route 456 in Scott County at mile marker 3.5, and State Route 61 in Union County at mile marker 4.0; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the slides and slope failures at these locations of State Route 116, State Route 456, and State Route 61 remains unstable; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that State Route 61 must be closed in both directions at the referenced location to stabilize the roadway and detour highway traffic around the closure; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has awarded an emergency contract for repair and stabilization of the roadway and right-of-way at this location on State Route 61; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation will perform repairs at the referenced locations on State Route 116 and State Route 456 using local state highway maintenance crews.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, including but not limited to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b), do hereby declare a state of emergency exists in Anderson, Scott, and Union counties in Tennessee. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b)(2), this state of emergency will remain in effect until I have determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist; provided, that in no event will the state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) days, unless specifically renewed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2017.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

