



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, homeownership is an integral part of the American Dream and enhances the wellbeing, pride, and prosperity of Tennessee families; and

**WHEREAS**, homeownership strengthens communities, economically and culturally, and encourages residents to be more active and invested their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, homeownership is fundamental to the health of the Tennessee economy and an important generator of jobs, income, and financial security throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Housing Act, which President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law in June of 1934, made homeownership available to millions of families who previously could not have afforded to buy their own homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's loan programs helped provide the dream of homeownership to 2,003 households in Tennessee in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, through the HOME program, 418 families/individuals were assisted with homeownership or some type of homeowner preservation during 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency helped to provide safe, sound affordable housing to 542 families through its Housing Trust Fund in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, developers, lenders, real estate professionals, nonprofit counselors, and government agencies work together in promoting and preserving homeownership opportunities for the people of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Homeownership Month provides an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to homeownership;

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

*Homeownership Month*

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 second day of May, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Heidi King*

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Secretary of State