



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, gardeners have a passion for nurturing beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

WHEREAS, gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

WHEREAS, gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

WHEREAS, gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

WHEREAS, gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of life and teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

WHEREAS, gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across our state to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 4-10, 2017 as

Garden 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 eighth day of May, 2017.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Heidi Bryant

Secretary of State