



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2017, a major slide and slope failure occurred on State Route 70 in Hawkins County at mile marker 16.2; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition of the slide and slope failure at this location of State Route 70 remains unstable; and

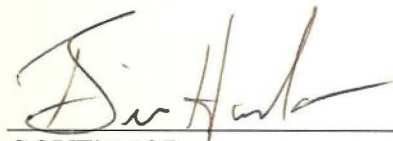
**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has determined State Route 70 must remain closed in both directions at the referenced location to stabilize the roadway and detour highway traffic around the closure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has performed emergency cleanup at the referenced location on State Route 70 using regional state highway maintenance crews; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has engaged an engineering consultant to evaluate slope stability and make a recommendation for any needed permanent repairs to stabilize the slope and highway at this location.

**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 Hawkins County, 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 *26th* day of May, 2017.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

