



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2017, a series of severe storms featuring heavy rain, hail, and strong, straight-line winds moved across Tennessee, significantly damaging property and creating emergency conditions in various areas throughout the state, including in Anderson, Blount, Claiborne, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Grainger, Hamblen, Hancock, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Loudon, Morgan, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sevier, Shelby, and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, current damage assessments, which remain ongoing, indicate that these storms caused more than \$18 million in damage to utilities alone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis and Shelby County were significantly impacted by these storms, with approximately 180,000 Shelby County residents without power at the height of the storms and many residents remain without power; and

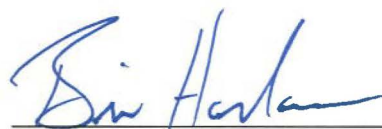
WHEREAS, the Mayor of Shelby County declared a Local State of Emergency on May 30, 2017, as life-sustainment efforts continue there; and

WHEREAS, the impact of, and damage resulting from, these severe storms has required, and continues to require, significant efforts by local responders, emergency management agencies, utilities, governments, and others to protect lives and property, including assisting residents and communities with cleanup efforts and debris removal; and

WHEREAS, state and local emergency officials in the affected counties continue to gather additional information on the effects of these storms in order to promote public safety and protect property in the affected areas.

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 has existed since May 27, 2017, in various areas throughout the state, including in Anderson, Blount, Claiborne, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Grainger, Hamblen, Hancock, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Loudon, Morgan, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sevier, Shelby, and Union Counties. 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 31st day of June, 2017.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

