



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, for the past 200 years, generations of our countrymen have revered the American flag, and today we reaffirm our commitment to protect, defend and hold tight the democratic values that Old Glory symbolizes; and

WHEREAS, approved by a joint resolution of Congress on August 3, 1949, June 14th of each year was designated Flag Day; and

WHEREAS, seventeen years later on June 9th in 1966, Congress requested that the President annually issue a proclamation designating the week in which June 14th occurs as "National Flag Week" and call all Americans to prominently display our Nation's flag; and

WHEREAS, thirteen alternating red and white stripes are a proud reminder of our founding colonies and fifty white stars set in a sea of blue are representative of our Country's states today; and

WHEREAS, with our American flag flying over us in our cities and communities, our schools, our places of worship and employment, let us strive to form a more perfect Union as our forefathers envisioned; and

WHEREAS, as we sing the Star Spangled Banner and Pledge our Allegiance to the Flag, may we remember those who have sacrificed to secure the freedom and liberties we enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 12-16, 2017 as **Flag Week** and June 14, 2017 as

Flag Day

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 twenty-sixth day of May, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Dargatzis

Secretary of State