



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, it is important to ensure the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

**WHEREAS**, low blood supply is a public safety concern both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need to sustain a healthy supply for our residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are more than 6.8 million blood donors in the United States and an estimated 5 million patients receive blood annually; and

**WHEREAS**, one pint of blood can save the lives of up to three patients, and although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 10% of that eligible population actually participate in blood donation each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2017 as

*Blood Donation 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 fifteenth day of June, 2017.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

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Secretary of State