



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, beef generates more than 19 percent of the state's \$3.7 billion agricultural cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee ranks 11th in the nation for number of farms and 11th in the nation for beef cattle production with more than 1.8 million head of beef cattle and calves; and

WHEREAS, the state recognizes the important contributions of more than 38,000 cattle producers in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, cattle are among the most efficient means of converting forage to human food on more than 5 million acres of pasture and hay in Tennessee, and thereby contribute to the conservation of soil by allowing those acres to remain in grass and legumes; and

WHEREAS, beef provides a valuable source of high quality protein, as well as numerous vitamins and minerals important to a healthful diet; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee recognizes the economic and nutritional value of beef promotion and beef consumption to the enjoyment and good health of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2017 as

Beef Month

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 twelfth day of June, 2017.



Bill Haslam

Governor

John R. Hitt

Secretary of State