



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee seeks to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance has become one of the key threats to health in the United States, threatening the ability of healthcare providers to fight infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic-resistant infections are more likely to produce adverse health outcomes and are more costly to treat than susceptible infections; and

WHEREAS, more than two million people become ill each year with antibiotic-resistant infections and at least 23,000 die as a result; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance is caused by the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in general and the overuse of selected agents in particular; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed recommendations for health care professionals regarding best practices for the judicious use of antibiotics as well as educational materials for the general public; and

WHEREAS, public health addresses disease prevention and health risk reduction through the exchange of information and by supporting the health needs of citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, "U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week" provides an opportunity to highlight the messages of the Tennessee Department of Health and CDC to promote the judicious use of antibiotics by consumers and health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, education and appropriate use of antibiotics is the primary solution to address the threat of antibiotic resistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2017 as

Antibiotic Awareness Week

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-first day of July, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Heidi Berg

Secretary of State