



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's children need the emotional and financial support of both parents; and

**WHEREAS**, the support of parents, extended families, and the community helps children grow into healthy, productive adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is committed to promoting the health and well-being of all of its children by ensuring that parents pay child support on a regular and timely basis; and

**WHEREAS**, child support services and promotion of parental responsibility are key elements of the Department of Human Services' priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that a month should be set apart for the direction of our thoughts toward a child's needs, well-being, interests and future success; and

**WHEREAS**, such established observations give us an occasion to educate and to inform, to encourage increased community involvement and to focus on the unity of Tennessee for the collection of child support for our children; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee salutes those parents who support and uplift their children and honors the almost 900 child support professionals in Tennessee who helped collect and distribute over \$620 million in child support for the children of Tennessee during state fiscal year 2017;

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

*Child Support Awareness 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 third day of August, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Boyd Cook in blue ink.

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Secretary of State

