



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, preparing Tennesseans for disasters and emergencies is a priority of state government; and

WHEREAS, the preparedness of all Tennesseans for disasters and emergencies is a cooperative effort of businesses, citizens, families, and government working together; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans may have to rely on themselves, their family, their friends and their neighbors in large disasters until first responders arrive; and

WHEREAS, educating our citizens on how to make an emergency preparedness kit and an emergency preparedness plan is vitally important to their being able to cope during disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency is dedicated to raising preparedness awareness, and to providing critical information to the public during disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, being able to alert and inform the public of potential emergencies, hazards, and threats, is critical to protecting and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) is a crucial technology that allows the efficient and effective delivery and dissemination of emergency public information from all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, TEMA will use IPAWS to conduct a statewide Wireless Emergency Alert test on Friday, September 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will conduct a national test of the Emergency Alert System on Wednesday, September 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, September is designated as National Preparedness Month;

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

Preparedness 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 eleventh day of August, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Dargatzis

Secretary of State

