



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen's Readjustment Act just weeks after the D-Day invasion; also known as the G.I. Bill, it provides Veterans with access to education, employment, and housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a 1988 study done by the Congressional Subcommittee on Education found that the GI Bill had a return on investment in the United States economy of \$7 per every \$1 invested, and 40% of those Veterans who took advantage of this benefit would not otherwise have been able to attend college; and

WHEREAS, the Post-9/11 Generation of Veterans answered the call to serve and now, returning home, continue their service on our campuses and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, with the current enrollment of over 8,800 Student Veterans, Tennessee's higher education institutions have experienced a 195% increase in Veterans enrolled since 2008; and

WHEREAS, many of Tennessee's higher education institutions have pledged to recruit, retain and support Student Veterans through to graduation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 24-30, 2017 as

Student Veterans 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 eighth day of September, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State