



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the elephant is the world's largest land mammal and a vital part of many ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the public to be educated about the welfare of all species of elephants in captivity as well as in the wild; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to the Elephant Sanctuary, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing captive elephants with individualized care, the companionship of a herd, and a secure environment for these highly intelligent and emotional creatures; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 The Sanctuary is celebrating 22 years of having provided a safe haven and natural-habitat refuge dedicated solely to elephant wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, The Elephant Sanctuary continually sets and reaches goals to better the lives of all elephants worldwide;

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

Elephant 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 eighth day of September, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State