



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, every star has a meaning and none carries as much grief and honor as that of a Gold Star; and

**WHEREAS**, on this last Sunday of September we recognize those mothers who have lost their child as they have served their country, and especially hold dear in our hearts the children that never returned home to them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 dedicated this last Sunday of September to Gold Star Mothers under President Franklin Roosevelt; and

**WHEREAS**, committed to promoting patriotism and goodwill in our Nation, the Gold Star Mothers have been the epitome of strength and patriotism, let us dedicate ourselves to serving them as they have committed themselves to serving others; and

**WHEREAS**, with our heavy hearts we stand beside Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families who have experienced tremendous loss and have sacrificed so much for our liberties;

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

*Gold Star Mother's Day*

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 September, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State