



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are 5,439 physical therapists, 3,628 physical therapist assistants, and over 500 physical therapy students in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the practice of physical therapy aims to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee encourages options for an active and healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association speaks for the best interests of the public in recommending physical therapy by a licensed physical therapist in order to achieve better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, through a national effort, Tennessee Physical Therapy Association and community members are encouraged to join together to raise awareness of the importance of preventive health during the month of October, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this effort will promote healthier and more active lifestyles and provide alternative treatments to expensive surgeries and the side effects of medications in order to help individuals live with less pain;

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

Physical Therapy 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 twenty-second day of September, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Ryzatt".

Secretary of State

