



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb is the Founding Mother of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries as a network to support the advancement of libraries in Tennessee, being the prime mover to create the organization in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb served as FOTL's second president (1993-1997); and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb continues to give the organization the benefit of her experience and wisdom by serving on its advisory board (1997 to present); and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb understands and promotes the appropriate working relationship between library Friends groups, Boards of Trustees, Foundations, and Library Staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb has influenced many Tennessee leaders to serve on the FOTL board and their local Friends groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb has been honored for her incredibly significant contributions to her local Knox County Library Friends group as well as the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, being named the 2015 Tennessee Library Friend of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb recognized the power and importance of Dolly Parton's gift of the Imagination Library as an exceptional program of what it means to be a Friend; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb continues to serve on the Friends of the Knox County Public Library and the Knox County Public Library Foundation Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie D. Webb worked closely with her late husband, Robert, on the founding, growth, and development of The Webb School of Knoxville since 1955;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, join the Friends of Tennessee Libraries to express our gratitude and deep regards by recognizing

*Julie D. Webb*

for her service to Tennesseans as an exemplary volunteer, supporter of our libraries, and advocate for education in Tennessee.



**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 twelfth day of October, 2016.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Julie Hargett*

Secretary of State