



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day to replace separate days to honor the Army, Navy, and Air Force to bring unification of all military forces under a single department; and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman celebrated the first Armed Forces Day in 1950 by declaring, "the Armed Forces, as a unified team, are currently performing, at home and across the seas, tasks vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a durable peace;" and

WHEREAS, as we continue to observe the third Saturday in May each year, we pay tribute to those so faithfully defending our freedom and national security who selflessly serve with professionalism and a determined spirit of patriotism to our great nation; and

WHEREAS, our country depends on the exceptional skill and courageous commitment to service that the Armed Forces provide; they are recognized for their vigilance and devotion both in war and in peace; and

WHEREAS, across the country, Americans join together as a unified people to express appreciation for the inspiring resolve and noble sacrifices of all men and women who wear the military uniform of the United States of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 17, 2014 as

Armed Forces 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 twelfth day of March, 2014.

Governor

Secretary of State