



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, every year Tennesseans face severe weather threats from flash floods, flooding, hailstorms, lightning, thunderstorms and tornadoes; and

**WHEREAS**, severe weather is a danger to life, health and property; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and education about the threat of severe weather is necessary to help every Tennessean prepare to protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, local, state and federal departments and agencies, along with elected leaders, news media, professional associations and volunteers, are committed to informing and educating all Tennesseans about severe weather preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, all Tennesseans need to understand the importance of preparedness and to have situational awareness about the threats around them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service offices that serve Tennessee in Memphis, Morristown, and Nashville, and in Huntsville, AL, want all Tennesseans to learn about severe weather safety;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 25 through March 3, 2018, as

*Severe Weather Awareness Week*

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 fourteenth day of February, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Heidi Kuyatt*

Secretary of State