



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, In 1951, the United States Congress established an annual Day of Prayer during which Americans of all faiths were encouraged to pause in prayer, thanking God for this land and its people seeking inspiration, strength, guidance, wisdom, courage, direction and comfort; and

WHEREAS, as Americans, we need not shrink from asking for Divine assistance in our continuing efforts to relieve human suffering at home and abroad; to reduced hatred, violence and abuse; to restore families across our land; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of our Nation, our government has welcomed Divine guidance in its work, while respecting the rich and varied faiths of its citizens -- from patriots and presidents to advocates for justice, our history reflects a strong presence of prayer in American life; and

WHEREAS, America was founded on the principles of religious freedom and liberty for all. By following our own beliefs which respecting the convictions of others, we can strengthen our people and build upon our promise as a State; and

WHEREAS, this year the theme of the National Day of Prayer is, "Pray for America, Unity" based on Ephesians 4:3, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace"; and

WHEREAS, on May 3rd, Americans are invited to join in prayer for our Nation and our states, to give thanks for the men and women of the military who defend freedom, to ask God's protection, and to pray for peace throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2018 as

Tennessee Day of Prayer

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 sixteenth day of February, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State