



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, oral health impacts overall health and good oral health is essential to a healthy life; and

**WHEREAS**, when we practice good oral health habits we increase our smiles; and

**WHEREAS**, smiles are morale boosters and confidence builders and when you smile at someone, you communicate that they are valued and worth the smile that you just gave them; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for individuals to care for their health by brushing their teeth in the morning, after meals, and at night before bed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Charitable Care Network (TCCN), with a mission to provide support, education, and representation for non-profit organizations that provide charitable health care services to low-income, uninsured, and underserved Tennesseans and a vision of a strong, compassionate health care safety net, strives to increase access to affordable oral health services for all Tennesseans in need; and

**WHEREAS**, of TCCN's 39 charitable care members, 20 provide oral health services; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's charitable and reduced cost dental clinics provided more than 25,626 extractions and cleanings in 2017 to Tennesseans who would have otherwise not received care; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,107 Tennesseans have received dentures (upper, lower or both) with a total of 1,724 dentures placed in 2017 due to a special appropriation, who would otherwise have not received care;

**WHEREAS**, TCCN charitable care providers know that restoring a healthy smile can completely turn someone's life around;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 11-15, 2018 as

*"Smile Power" Oral Health 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 twenty-first day of March, 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State

