



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, baton twirling is a national movement that provides thousands of youth girls and boys motivation and opportunity for a safe, fun, and challenging environment for both physical fitness and mental and personal growth; and

**WHEREAS**, in Tennessee, baton twirling has produced many national and international level champions and twirlers, including Claudette Riley Sisk, who is the only majorette to ever be inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, baton twirling is instrumental in building confidence, character, poise, and self-esteem of every participant, whether youth or mature, male or female; and

**WHEREAS**, from July 24-28, 2018, twirlers from across the nation will compete in the National Baton Twirling Championships at the University of Notre Dame and the America's youth on Parade Festival;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of July 22-28, 2018 as

*Baton Twirling 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 ninth day of April, 2018.



*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Lee Hargett*

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Secretary of State