



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, whether their husbands or wives are currently serving or have previously served in the Armed Forces, on the Friday before Mother's Day, we recognize Military Spouses in Tennessee and across the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the spouses of our Service Members do not ask for recognition - they humbly support and fulfill their role as true partners, and in doing so are truly serving our great country as well; and

**WHEREAS**, in the year of 1984, President Ronald Regan recognized formally the commitment and importance of the spouse to the readiness and well-being of our Service Members; and

**WHEREAS**, the sacrifices and challenges that come with having a partner who serves in the military do not go unnoticed; and

**WHEREAS**, may we strive to ensure that, just as our military takes care of our Nation, we take care of the husbands and wives of our Armed Forces members who shoulder the burden of household and family requirements during military absences; and

**WHEREAS**, as the military spouses in our community continue to love and serve their Service Member or Veteran, please know as we honor your loved one for their service, we also honor you;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2018 as

*Military Spouses 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 eighteenth day of April, 2018.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Scott Hargett*

Secretary of State