



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the American colonists that rebelled against British rule in the pursuit of independence during the Revolutionary War are referred to as Patriots; and

WHEREAS, these Patriots, inspired by their desires for freedom and liberty, united together for a common cause despite diverse social and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, these Patriots made tremendous sacrifices, and many gave their lives, all in pursuit of the unalienable Rights endowed by their Creator; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots exercised intelligence, determination, and perseverance in order to establish the independence of these United States; and

WHEREAS, these men and women established the foundations of our great country and generations of Americans have benefited from their enlightened words and heroic deeds; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-2-114 requires the Governor to proclaim April 19 of each year as "Patriots' Day"; and

WHEREAS, April 19 is the anniversary of the of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the initial battles of the Revolutionary War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2018 as

American Revolution Patriot's 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 twenty-seventh day of April, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Scott Fitzgerald

Secretary of State