



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, formally adopted in 1777 by the Continental Congress to represent “a new constellation”, the Flag of the United States has represented our country for the past 241 years; and

**WHEREAS**, having undergone many changes over the years, thirteen stripes continue to grace Old Glory in honor of the thirteen original colonies; and

**WHEREAS**, flown on the Moon, placed on the graves of our country's warriors, and carried into combat zones, the American flag is recognized as a symbol of sacrifice in service and unparalleled determination; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis Scott Key viewed our Country's flag through explosions during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, it inspired his writing of America's National Anthem; and

**WHEREAS**, may we continue to take inspiration from the sacrifices that have made the Flag of the United States of America the revered emblem that it is, and cherish the freedom that it symbolizes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 10-16, 2018 as **Flag Week** and June 14, 2018 as

*Flag 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 fifteenth day of May, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Scott Berg*

Secretary of State