



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, homeownership strengthens Tennessee families and encourages residents to take pride in their neighborhoods and an active role in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, homeownership plays a pivotal role in the Tennessee economy and is one of the primary sources of wealth accumulation for working families; and

**WHEREAS**, homeownership is correlated with improved health and higher life satisfaction among adults and higher grades and graduation rates for children; and

**WHEREAS**, a commitment to homeownership stimulates construction and related industries, creates jobs, and enhances our prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's loan programs helped provide the dream of homeownership to 2,922 households in Tennessee in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency helped to provide safe, sound affordable housing to 971 families through its Housing Trust Fund in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, developers, lenders, real estate professionals, nonprofit counselors, and government agencies work together in promoting and preserving homeownership opportunities for the people of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Homeownership Month provides an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to homeownership;

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

*Homeownership Month*

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 May, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Julie Hight*

Secretary of State