



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, beef is Tennessee's number one farm commodity generating more than 16 percent of the state's \$3.3 billion agricultural cash receipts; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation for number of farms and 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation for cattle production with more than 1.8 million head cattle and calves, and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Tennessee recognizes the important contributions of our state's 40,000 cattle producers; and

**WHEREAS**, cattle are among the most efficient means of converting forage to human food on Tennessee's more than 5 million acres of pasture and hay and thereby contribute to the conservation of soil by allowing those acres to remain in grass and legumes; and

**WHEREAS**, beef provides a valuable source of high quality protein, as well as numerous vitamins and minerals important to a healthful diet; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Tennessee recognizes the economic and nutritional value of beef production and beef consumption to the enjoyment and good health of our citizens;

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

*Beef 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 twenty-first day of May, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State