



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, John Sevier was born on September 23, 1745 in colonial Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1771 John Sevier settled along the Holston River in east Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, John Sevier served as a colonel in the Revolutionary War and fought towards the decisive victory for the United States in the 1780 Battle of Kings Mountain; and

**WHEREAS**, John Sevier played a vital role in the establishment of the state of Tennessee and was elected as the first governor of this great state in 1796, and

**WHEREAS**, John Sevier served as governor for six terms; and

**WHEREAS**, John Sevier was also elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he represented Tennessee from 1811 until his death in 1815; and

**WHEREAS**, John Sevier is remembered as an accomplished statesman and a patriot for his service to the United States and Tennessee, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-2-110 requires the Governor to proclaim June 23 of each year as "John Sevier Day";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2018 as

*John Sevier 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-second day of June, 2018.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State