



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, an influx of Scots-Irish immigrants seeking political, economic, and religious refuge arrived in the Appalachian mountain region, and

WHEREAS, Scots-Irish immigrants were some of the first pioneers to settle in Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, Scots-Irish immigrants also brought with them a unique culture and introduced new forms of folklore, art, music, dance, and religion to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Scots-Irish traditions and practices are deeply ingrained in Southern Appalachian culture; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-2-108 requires the Governor to proclaim June 24 of each year as "Scots-Irish Heritage Day";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 24, 2018 as

Scots-Irish Heritage 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 Kuyatt

Secretary of State