



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, for over 3,000 years, Jerusalem has played a central role in the history and identity of the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, Jerusalem is the location of the holiest site for the Jewish people, the Temple Mount, as well as the Western Wall, where people from around the world come to pray; and

WHEREAS, Jerusalem has been a Christian pilgrimage site for over 2,000 years, and holds considerable religious significance for Christians; and

WHEREAS, Jerusalem is home to the third holiest site in Islam, and holds considerable religious significance for Muslims; and

WHEREAS, Jerusalem serves as a cultural and religious inspiration to billions of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, numerous archeological excavations, such as those taking place in the City of David, Israel's most archaeologically excavated site, have uncovered a myriad of antiquities which scientifically reaffirm Jerusalem's historical significance to Judaism and Christianity; and

WHEREAS, the City of David is the archaeological site of ancient Jerusalem, and is believed to be the very site recorded in the Bible upon which King David established the capital of ancient Israel; and

WHEREAS, these discoveries affirm the undeniable truth that the City of David, the Western Wall, and the Temple Mount are inextricably linked together—physically, historically, and symbolically—as the bedrock of the connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem, and have been for millennia; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee supports Israel's right to self-determination and to choose the location of its capital, and looks forward to continuing our strong and prosperous relationship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim July 22, 2018 as

Jerusalem 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 thirteenth day of July, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State