



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee has over 60,000 miles of rivers, lakes and streams; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's waterways are critical to the state's economy and to the quality of life for all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Keep Tennessee Beautiful is a state-wide affiliate of Keep America Beautiful that seeks to inspire and educate Tennesseans to reduce litter, increase recycling, and turn public places into beautiful spaces; and

WHEREAS, Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful is the first Keep America Beautiful affiliate in the nation focused along a river, striving to rally and unify communities along the river to keep the Tennessee River healthy; and

WHEREAS, last year over 4,080 volunteers picked up over 207,830 pounds of trash from the waterways across our beautiful state of Tennessee, representing 22 grassroots organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and The Tennessee Valley Authority have worked to support and enable local organizations to protect the waterways within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee has created the TN H2O steering committee to focus on preserving our waterways; and

WHEREAS, Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful and Keep Tennessee Beautiful serve to raise awareness of the importance of protecting our most abundant resource and unifying communities across the state of Tennessee to take action;

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

*Keep Tennessee Waterways
Beautiful 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-sixth day of July, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Regitt

Secretary of State