



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee's children need the emotional and financial support of both parents; and

WHEREAS, the support of parents, extended families, and the community helps children grow into healthy, productive adults; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is committed to promoting the health and well-being of all of its children by helping parents provide child support on a regular and timely basis; and

WHEREAS, child support services and promotion of responsible parental engagement are key elements of the Department of Human Services' priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is important that a month be set apart for the direction of our thoughts toward a child's needs, well-being, interests and future success; and

WHEREAS, such established observations give us an occasion to educate and to inform on child support services, to encourage increased community involvement and to focus on the unity of Tennessee for the collection of child support for our children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee salutes those parents who support and uplift their children and honors the more than 900 child support professionals in Tennessee who helped collect child support for the children of Tennessee during state fiscal year 2018;

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

Child Support Awareness 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 thirtieth day of July, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Vergott in blue ink.

Secretary of State