



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, emergencies come in many forms, can happen at any time, and give no quarter to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, preparing Tennesseans for disasters and emergencies is a priority of the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency preparedness is a cooperative effort and by working together we can help all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, we can and must help every Tennessean be resilient in the face of disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans may have to rely on themselves, their family, their friends and their neighbors in large disasters until first responders arrive; and

**WHEREAS**, educating our citizens on how to make an emergency preparedness kit and an emergency preparedness plan is vitally important to their being able to cope during disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging Tennesseans in emergency preparedness is a cooperative, daily effort across local, state, and federal jurisdictions, so our citizens see One Tennessee emergency management effort engaged in times of crisis and insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency is dedicated to raising awareness as to the critical importance of individual preparedness, provides critical information to the public before, during, and after emergencies, and

**WHEREAS**, September is designated as National Preparedness Month;

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

*Preparedness 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 fifteenth day of August, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State