



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, by a U.S. Senate Joint Resolution on June 23, 1936, the last Sunday of September was dedicated to Gold Star Mothers; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution aims to recognize the full measure of devotion given to the United States of America by these special women, who have been made Gold Star Mothers through the ultimate sacrifice of their child; and

**WHEREAS**, the tremendous loss for these matriarchs of our country is not lost on ordinary citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, no greater grief is felt than that of a parent who has to bury their child, a child who gave all, whose name will not be forgotten, whose name will invoke service, courage, and fidelity; and

**WHEREAS**, American Gold Star Mothers have earned our support, respect and deference, and we recognize the unimaginable burden that weighs on their hearts and souls;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2018 as

*Gold Star Mother's 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-third day of August, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargitt*

Secretary of State