



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the goal of Tennessee's Drive to 55 initiative is to increase the percentage of Tennesseans with a college degree or credentials to fifty-five percent by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, in Fall 2017, over 41,000 students enrolled in community colleges, TCATs, and four year universities as first-time freshmen; and

WHEREAS, CollegeforTN.org provides Tennesseans of all ages with the resources to prepare for college, choose the institution that best aligns with their career aspirations, and successfully meet the requirements of the college application process; and

WHEREAS, during the week of September 17-21, all Tennessee high school seniors are encouraged to submit applications to postsecondary institutions with the encouragement and assistance of high school, college, and community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, during the week of September 17-21, all Tennessee students from kindergarten through high school are encouraged to explore all of the college options available to them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 17-21, 2018, as

College Application and Exploration Week

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-seventh day of August, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Bergitt

Secretary of State