



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, public power is a crucial component in all of the communities across Tennessee, contributing to the overall health of our communities by providing reliable electric power and excellent local service; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's 60 municipal power distributors distribute reliable and affordable power to 2.4 million homes and businesses that make up over 67% of the state's residential, commercial, and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, over 4.5 million Tennesseans purchase their electric from a public power provider; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee place high value on local control over community services and therefore value community owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utilities where consumers and owners have a direct say in utility operations and policies;

WHEREAS, many of Tennessee's cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 80 years; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's public power providers sell over 75% of the electricity sold in the state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's municipal and county electric utilities hold \$9.1 billion in assets and disburse \$200 million in lieu of tax payments to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the local communities through economic development, energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service and evidence commitment to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's public power utilities are continuing to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as they have for generations of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of the week of October 7-13, 2018, as the 32nd Annual Public Power Week will serve to make public power's consumer owners, policymakers, and employees more aware of its overall contributions to their well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-13, 2018, as

Public Power 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 seventh day of September, 2018.


Governor


Secretary of State