



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 100,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and osteopathic medical students in the United States, including approximately 700 osteopathic medical students at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) in Harrogate, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, DOs have made tremendous contributions to the American health care system since it was founded by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, in 1874; and

WHEREAS, DOs have treated U.S. Presidents, Olympic Athletes, contributed to the fight against AIDS and the fight for civil rights, served on nationwide health care panels; and

WHEREAS, DOs are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery; and

WHEREAS, DOs are trained to consider the health for the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat their patients; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee's 836 osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through education and awareness-based efforts, as well as by delivering quality health services; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Tennessee recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of Americans, regardless of age, income level, or ethnicity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 14-20, 2013, as

Osteopathic Medicine 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 eighth day of March, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Lee Hargrett, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State