



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, in November 2008 the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) awarded the 2014 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Final Four to the city of Nashville; and

**WHEREAS**, the announcement completed a bid process that took over a year and put Nashville in the company of Denver, New Orleans, Tampa and Indianapolis who were also awarded bids for Final Fours between the years of 2012-16; and

**WHEREAS**, Nashville will serve as host to the NCAA Women's Final Four for the first time when it comes to Bridgestone Arena on April 6 and 8, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be the second Women's Final Four played in Tennessee, with Knoxville hosting in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCAA Women's Final Four is the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship which runs for three weeks in March and April; and

**WHEREAS**, the main attraction will be the three basketball games played over two days, including the two National Semifinals on Sunday, April 6 and the National Championship game on Tuesday, April 8, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Final Four weekend experience is "More Than Just Three Games", and includes the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Convention, community engagement, and legacy programs that give the event its pulse; and

**WHEREAS**, this event will be a time for everyone to celebrate and experience women's college basketball at the highest level; and

**WHEREAS**, NCAA women's basketball is characterized by strong fundamentals, high quality of play, sportsmanship, role model student-athletes and family oriented entertainment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2014 as

*2014 N.C.A.A. Women's Final Four 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 third day of December, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Je Kuyatt".

Secretary of State