



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, every year Tennesseans face severe weather threats from flash floods, flooding, hailstorms, lightning, thunderstorms, and tornadoes; and,

WHEREAS, severe weather cannot be controlled and is a danger to life, health and property; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency activated to a State of Emergency nine times in response to severe weather threats; and,

WHEREAS, even one fatality due to severe weather, as in 2013, is one-too-many; and,

WHEREAS, public awareness and education about the threat of severe weather is necessary to help every Tennessean prepare to protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal departments and agencies, along with elected leaders, news media, professional associations and volunteers, are committed to informing and educating all Tennesseans about severe weather preparedness; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service offices in Tennessee are joining together in an annual campaign to promote weather awareness and safety for all Tennesseans;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 16-22, 2014, as

Severe Weather Awareness 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-fourth day of January, 2014.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hight".

Secretary of State