



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, along with Bishop Thomas Sebastian Byrne, established Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville in 1898, and have continuously served in countless capacities throughout the Nashville area for 116 years, and

WHEREAS, the Daughters of Charity, rooted in the loving ministry of Jesus as healer, have committed themselves to serving all persons with special attention to the poor and vulnerable. Saint Thomas Health ministry and the Daughters of Charity are dedicated to spiritually centered, holistic care, which sustains and improves the health of individuals and communities and are advocates for a compassionate and just society through their actions and words, and

WHEREAS, following 116 years of continual service by the Daughters of Charity, they are concluding their work in the Diocese of Nashville. The Sisters are hereby commended for their service and for commissioning the laity to carry on the good work of providing quality healthcare with outstanding service and courageous innovation, and for continuing to serve as a member of the sponsor of Ascension Health, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Nashville and Tennessee and surrounding communities have benefitted from this service, dedication and commitment, and

WHEREAS, we wish to recognize the contributions of the Daughters of Charity, including their work with Saint Thomas Health, Ladies of Charity, Catholic Charities, Room In The Inn, and other worthy programs associated with the Diocese of Nashville, its parishes and schools;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2014 as

Daughters of Charity Day

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 March, 2014.



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

Governor

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

Secretary of State