



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 455 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

WHEREAS, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.48 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, more than six people are electrocuted each week in the United States; and

WHEREAS, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

WHEREAS, citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters and tamper resistant receptacles; and

WHEREAS, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness and advocacy;

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

Electrical Safety 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 eighth day of April, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Wargent".

Secretary of State

