



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, home ownership is a foundation of the American Dream and generations of Tennesseans have worked hard and saved so that they might enjoy the sense of stability and pride of owning their own home; and

**WHEREAS**, this June marks the 80th anniversary of the National Housing Act, signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt, which made home ownership available to millions of Americans who previously could not have afforded to buy their own homes; and

**WHEREAS**, home ownership strengthens families and helps them to build wealth, encourages personal responsibility and motivates residents to take an active role in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a commitment to home ownership stimulates construction and related industries, creates jobs, and enhances prosperity in Tennessee by providing economic benefits to neighborhoods and the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, developers, lenders, Realtors®, nonprofit counselors and government agencies work together in promoting and preserving home ownership opportunities for the people of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's loan programs helped provide the dream of home ownership to 2,071 of individuals/families in Tennessee in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency helped to provide safe, sound affordable housing to 533 families through its Housing Trust Fund in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's "Keep My Tennessee Home" and Foreclosure Prevention programs helped 3,089 home owners in preventing foreclosure and mitigating the impact of foreclosure.; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Home Ownership Month provides an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to home ownership;

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

*Home Ownership 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 fifth day of May, 2014.

*Bill Haslam*

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Secretary of State

