



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are its greatest asset and their quality of life is of great importance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is home to more than 17,000 miles of navigable streams, rivers and lakes which are enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of resident boaters and visitors from across our state and nation annually; and

WHEREAS, boaters are drawn to Tennessee waters to fish, swim, water ski, paddle, exercise, enjoy nature, appreciate the quiet solitude or relax with family or friends; and

WHEREAS, all citizens and visitors are encouraged to follow water safety regulations and the recommendations of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the United States Coast Guard, whose officers enforce boating laws on public waterways in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, wearing a proper life jacket could greatly reduce boating related drownings caused by capsizing and falls overboard; and

WHEREAS, the new generation of life jackets are comfortable, cooler, and provide greater flotation; and

WHEREAS, May 17-23, 2014, is designated as National Safe Boating Week and will coincide with the kick-off of the "WEAR-IT TENNESSEE" campaign;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee joins the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadrons and other interested agencies and organizations in encouraging citizens to practice safe boating habits, including the "Wear It Tennessee" program, during Safe Boating Week and throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 17 - 23, 2014 as

Safe Boating 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 fifth day of May, 2014.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Wright, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

