



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that established June 14th as Flag Day; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate June 14th as the day when the new nation adopted the flag of the United States in 1777; and

**WHEREAS**, our country's flag remains a symbol that represents our land, our people, our government and the ideals of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, our flag has flown over the launching of space shuttles, the bombing of our ships, and hometown football games; and

**WHEREAS**, the American flag has been waved enthusiastically by jubilant children at parades and clutched by a grieving widow who no longer has her husband to hold because he made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, freedom, justice, equality, opportunity and hope are symbolized in the red, white, and blue of the flag that we proudly fly; and

**WHEREAS**, as a nation we must remember the great sacrifices that have been paid to keep our flag flying high and free today;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2014, as **Flag Day** and the week of June 9-15, 2014 as

## *Flag 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-third day of May, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

