



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, healthy lifestyles of Tennessee children today will fortify the welfare and progress of the state in the future; and

WHEREAS, reducing the burden of health problems like infant mortality, childhood obesity, asthma and preventable injury and illness requires us to work collectively and proactively as a state; and

WHEREAS, numerous state and local partners are collaborating to offer community-driven support and the proper resources to families while fostering healthier choices among Tennessee's children and residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a longstanding history of promoting child health, from being the first state in the nation to pass child safety seat legislation to recent recognition as a national leader in the areas of childhood immunization and school vending policies; and

WHEREAS, Child Health Day is a national event first proclaimed by President Calvin Coolidge in 1928 that celebrates its 87th observance this October; and

WHEREAS, dedicating a week to the health and well-being of children will encourage a lifelong pattern of healthy living; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans can positively impact the well-being of children through the encouragement and promotion of healthy lifestyles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 2014 as

Child Health 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 thirty-first day of July, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Heather Hargett

Secretary of State