



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, October 19-25, 2014 is the 18<sup>th</sup> annual National Massage Therapy Awareness Week as recognized by the American Massage Therapy Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee currently has more than 4,300 licensed massage therapists; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has recognized and regulated massage therapists as an important part of the health industry for nearly two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, research continues to show that massage can be an effective part of pain management for a variety of patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are turning to massage therapy in increasing numbers for relief from injuries and certain conditions, both acute and chronic, to help them deal with the stresses of daily life, and to maintain good health;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014 as

*Massage Therapy 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 fourteenth day of August, 2014.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Vitale*

Secretary of State