



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the music industry impacts the Nashville region by over nine billion dollars annually and provides employment to over twenty-nine thousand individuals directly, of which, many positions are held in Christian & Gospel Music and supported by the Gospel Music Association, which celebrates its fiftieth year and was established to aid Christian & Gospel artists through connecting the community, sharing the gospel, and recognition of musical impact, and

**WHEREAS**, the first Gospel Music Association Dove Awards ceremony was held in October of 1969 in Tennessee and, since 1984, has been televised, allowing millions of Americans to join in the celebration through the viewing of the award ceremony, and

**WHEREAS**, the Dove Awards celebrates the impact of Christian & Gospel music in the community, recognizing the work and talent of Christian & Gospel artists by nominating and awarding these artists based on their various genres, and

**WHEREAS**, during the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Dove Awards, these artists from around the world will join together in recognition of the music created through presentation of awards, tributes paid to those before them, collaborative performances amongst their peers, and

**WHEREAS**, during this proclaimed week, in Nashville, citizens throughout the country will celebrate the impact of Christian & Gospel music in our local and national communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5th - 11th, 2014 as

## *Christian and Gospel Music 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-seventh day of August, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Julie Knight".

Secretary of State