



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, at approximately 3:40 a.m. on August 15, 2014, a tanker truck collided with a bridge support column at the Peytonsville Road interchange with Interstate 65 southbound, resulting in a massive explosion and fire under the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the bridge was being reconstructed at the time of the incident, and both the existing two-lane bridge that was being used to maintain traffic through the construction zone on Peytonsville Road over Interstate 65 and the newly constructed five-lane bridge were damaged so extensively that both bridges were deemed to be unsafe and must be demolished and reconstructed; and

WHEREAS, the extensive damage to the bridges resulted in the closure of Interstate 65 in both directions for several days while emergency repairs were performed to demolish the old bridge and repave the damaged lanes of Interstate 65; and

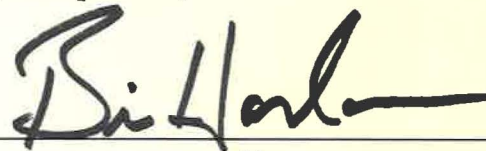
WHEREAS, while permanent repairs are performed to reconstruct the bridge, emergency vehicles will be unable to access the opposite side of Peytonsville Road by crossing over Interstate 65, thus prompting the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency to establish a temporary headquarters at the Williamson County Agricultural Center on Long Lane just east of the Peytonsville Road interchange to serve customers who were cut off from emergency services as a result of the disaster event; and

WHEREAS, this interchange serves a large population in Franklin, Tennessee, including several nearby schools and the Williamson County Agricultural Center; and Interstate 65 is a principal thoroughfare and a vital interstate transportation link affecting the State as well as the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation will be accelerating the construction of the Peytonsville Road bridge in an effort to re-establish essential traffic as expeditiously as possible to protect the safety and economy of the people of the State of Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, including but not limited to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b) do hereby declare a state of emergency in Williamson County, Tennessee. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b)(2), this state of emergency will remain in effect until I have determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist; provided that in no event will the state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) additional days, unless specifically renewed.

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 second day of September, 2014.



Governor



Secretary of State

