



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Science Week, which is designated by the American Geosciences Institute to help the public gain a better understanding of and appreciation for the earth sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for 2014, "Earth's Connected Systems," will promote awareness of the dynamic interactions of the planet's natural and human systems; and

**WHEREAS**, geology and the other earth sciences are fundamental to the safety, health, and welfare of Tennesseans and to the economy of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing and conserving mineral, energy, and water resources needed for Tennessee's continuing prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, indoor radon, and sinkholes experienced in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, geological factors pertaining to earth resources, hazards and the environment are vital to land management and land use decisions made in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences contribute critical pieces to our understanding, appreciation and respect for nature; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Science Week is an opportunity to seek a greater understanding and appreciation of the value of earth science research and for science teachers at all levels throughout the state of Tennessee to undertake lessons and activities with their students directed toward the study of earth science;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 12-18, 2014 as,

*Earth Science 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 sixteenth day of September, 2014.

*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Joe Hargett*

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Secretary of State

