



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the United States has been at the forefront of civil and human rights of individuals since its inception; and

**WHEREAS**, business and industry, labor and community leaders have called for a diverse and capable work force to propel our economy into this century; and

**WHEREAS**, the skills and contributions of our 54 million residents with disabilities strengthen and energize our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, we as a nation and state value and nurture the talent and potential of every individual, and

**WHEREAS**, by joint resolution, Congress has designated October of each year as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and has called upon state and local governments to join in the national observance;

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

*Disability Employment Awareness Month*

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 fifteenth day of September, 2014.



*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

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Secretary of State