

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, unemployment among members of the Tennessee National Guard, other service members, and veterans is significantly higher than the state and national average; and

WHEREAS, these Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard Members have shown dedicated service to our state and nation in the cause for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Paychecks for Patriots Hiring Event partnership responds through coordinated employment opportunities for these patriots through the central resource of Jobs4TN online; and

WHEREAS, the Paychecks for Patriots Hiring Event partnership combines participation in hiring fairs at multiple locations across the grand divisions of this State on the same day in furtherance of economic growth and job opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Paychecks for Patriots Hiring Event partnership has evolved to include Dollar General, the Tennessee Departments of Labor, Military, Veterans Affairs, Human Resources, Human Services, Corrections, Agriculture, TBI, as well as the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) in concert with various leaders of commerce and industry including 258 employers representing 195 individual companies; and

WHEREAS, this Paychecks for Patriots Hiring Event partnership eases the transition of our service members back to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot repay the debt of gratitude to these patriots the efforts of initiatives like Paychecks for Patriots exemplify the profound appreciation and respect we have for these Heroes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2014 as

<mark>Paychecks for Patriots Day</mark>

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 seventh day of October, 2014.

Governor

Secretary of State