



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways was constructed as a means to provide high-quality jobs, to improve transportation of people and goods, to serve the American people in the national interest and continue to be instrumental in the movement of the economy; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 40 is a transcontinental highway that runs 2,555 miles across the United States and through eight states; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has more miles of Interstate 40 within its boundaries than any other state with 455 miles; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 40 provides access to 24 Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, last year, just over seven percent of all traffic fatalities occurred on the 455 miles of the Interstate 40 corridor in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina are responsible for regulating traffic on Interstate 40; and

WHEREAS, because Interstate 40 is a major national traffic corridor and Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel holiday periods, a nationwide focus on traffic safety can have a substantial impact on the safety of the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, the "Interstate 40 Challenge: Drive to Zero Fatalities" was conceived in response to significant increase in traffic on Interstate 40 on the Wednesday prior to and the Sunday following Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and seven states along the Interstate 40 corridor will conduct enforcement of life-saving traffic safety laws for the Interstate 40 Challenge this Thanksgiving;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 26 and November 30, 2014, as

*The I-40 Challenge:
Drive to Zero Fatalities*

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 sixth day of November, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Vargo

Secretary of State