



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, graduate education attracts over 45,000 students nationally and internationally to Tennessee universities, awards over 14,500 graduate student degrees from Tennessee public and private institutions annually, and contributes to the economic growth and stability of the state, generating more than 280 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee teachers with advanced degrees are serving as educational leaders in the creation of learning communities that promote academic excellence, critical thinking skills, and lifelong learning as well as engaging in community service activities that reflect an appreciation for the personal and professional rewards of such pursuits; and

WHEREAS, graduate education in Tennessee is enhanced by assistantships and involvement with local organizations and businesses that participate in the advancement of resources to the community and to the public; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee graduate students and graduate education across the state have helped increase the earning power of Tennessee citizens, have attracted new businesses and creative ideas such as artificial intelligence, neuroscience, the arts, biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, information technology, literacy, materials science, and children's health; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee graduate faculty engage in internationally-recognized scholarship, producing a significant body of research that contributes to the broad base of knowledge essential for advancing education in the State; and

WHEREAS, alumni from Tennessee graduate schools occupy leadership roles in school systems, institutions of higher learning, health-related institutions, businesses, government, and politics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee universities have recognized the strengths and contributions of a culturally diverse student body and as a result attract student scholars from diverse backgrounds interested in pursuing graduate education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 23 through February 27, 2015, as

Graduate Education 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 fourth day of December, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Wright in blue ink.

Secretary of State

