



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, every student in Tennessee should have access to an effective education; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Tennessee agree that continuing to improve the quality of education in our state is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in our state to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a multitude of high-quality traditional public schools, public magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools, as well as families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has many high-quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all types of education environments; and

WHEREAS, it is important for parents in Tennessee to explore and identify the best education options available to their children; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that providing children with multiple education options improves academic performance; and

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is a national celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders, for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective education options for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 25-31, 2015 as

School Choice 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 sixth day of January, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Wright

Secretary of State