



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37% of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads; and

**WHEREAS**, the inability to swim affects people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, adult drowning is a problem we can solve; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month; and

**WHEREAS**, April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness, and health for our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that represents over 60,000 adult members who swim, with more than 1,500 local adult swim programs across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of USMS;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2015 as

*Learn to Swim 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 twenty-second day of January, 2015.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State