



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee is home to thousands of Chinese-American families who add to the richness and diversity of our great state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese New Year, a special holiday for family reunions, thanksgiving, and well-wishing, is the most significant celebration for Chinese people around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, this year is called the "Year of the Sheep," a symbol that represents prosperity and good fortune;

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Memphis United Chinese Association will hold a celebration of this occasion at the University of Memphis, demonstrating its commitment to promoting Chinese culture and education as well as enriching civic and social activities in the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's commemoration is an opportunity to educate the public about the rich cultural heritage of Tennessee's Chinese-American community and showcase the growing diversity of our great State; and

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

*Chinese Heritage 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

*Ju Kuyat*

Secretary of State