



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, in 1861 the Congressional Medal of Honor was created to recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguish themselves in combat and was awarded to those for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of one's life above and beyond the call of duty"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congressional Medal of Honor is America's highest military award for valor and represents an ideal that should endure in all ways of life, and it is our duty as citizens of this great nation to perpetuate its legacy and that of its recipients;

**WHEREAS**, we strive to embrace the core values representative of America's great heroes; courage, sacrifice, patriotism, citizenship, integrity, and commitment through continuing service and sacrifice, and to honor the recipients and those unsung heroes they represent; and

**WHEREAS**, a week of "Service and Sacrifice" will be celebrated August 3 through August 9, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, this week of "Service and Sacrifice" recognizes and honors our nation's greatest heroes and all those ordinary Americans, veterans and citizens, who become extraordinary through their courage and selfless service to others;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of August 3-9, 2015 as

*Congressional Medal of Honor*  
*"Service and Sacrifice" 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 ninth day of February, 2015.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

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Secretary of State