



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, reading helps prepare students for academic success, makes them ready for America's jobs of the future, and promotes their ability to compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, "Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 110<sup>th</sup> birthday, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

**WHEREAS**, this event encourages children to be in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on this date; and

**WHEREAS**, we must work together to ensure that America's children are the best readers in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Miss Tipton County Grace Burgess has collaborated with local educators to organize exciting educational kick-offs to "Read Across America Week" in Shelby and Tipton counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2015 as

*Read Across America Day*

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 February, 2015.



*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Joe Rye*

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Secretary of State