



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1915, Tennessee Governor Thomas Rye signed the charter establishing Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Tech provided public education at a college level for the first time in the Upper Cumberland section of Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Tech faced numerous challenges during World War I, the Great Depression and World War II; and

WHEREAS, students, faculty and community leaders overcame economic hardships to not only ensure the survival of Tennessee Tech, but to advance its programs; and

WHEREAS, in the post-war economy of the 1950s and 1960s, Tennessee Tech expanded graduate programs, doubled its campus, increased its enrollment tenfold; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these achievements, Tennessee Governor Frank Clement signed the bill approving Tennessee Tech's climb to university status, from now on being known as Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, committed to the need for more scientific and technological education --tempered by the arts and humanities, business and education, agriculture and human ecology, nursing, health sciences and custom interdisciplinary degrees -- Tennessee Tech is thriving, as evidenced by its students, alumni and faculty; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Tech respectfully acknowledges that the hard work and determination of its founders and those who followed led to its success; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, administration and students of today's Tennessee Tech pledge on this most distinguished occasion to work tirelessly to move the university into its next century with as much or more promise and potential as it had when chartered in 1915 in order to benefit the people of Tennessee, and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2015, as

Tennessee Technological University
Charter 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 tenth day of February, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State