



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a serious, national public health problem affecting at least 1.7 million Americans annually, and

**WHEREAS**, of those individuals, about 52,000 die, 275,000 are hospitalized, and 1.4 million are treated and released from an emergency department, and

**WHEREAS**, brain injury is a contributing factor to a third (30%) of all injury related deaths in the U.S., and

**WHEREAS**, each year in Tennessee, approximately 8,000 people are admitted to the hospital with a traumatic brain injury, and

**WHEREAS**, a concussion is a brain injury in which recognition and proper response can help prevent further injury and even death, and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is the only known cure, and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Brain Injury Association of Tennessee is to improve the quality of life for persons with brain injury and their families and to reduce the incidence of brain injury, and

**WHEREAS**, organizations such as the Brain Injury Association of America and the Brain Injury Association of Tennessee strive to increase awareness of brain injury, thus making prevention and safety measures part of the American culture in an effort to decrease the number of brain injuries;

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

*Traumatic Brain  
Injury Awareness 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 sixteenth day of January, 2015.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Jae Wargitt*

Secretary of State