



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan first recognized the strength and sacrifices exhibited by military spouses in 1984 when he proclaimed a national day of observance to acknowledge and honor their steadfast dedication; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger declared that the Friday preceding Mother's Day as Military Spouse Day; and

WHEREAS, while maintaining their own careers, military spouses must also sustain the balance with their families and their spouse's career; and

WHEREAS, since the Revolutionary War, military spouses have continually carried on the tradition of supporting not only their spouses, but those that serve with their spouses and the communities in which they reside; and

WHEREAS, as Americans, we must recognize that we need to take our military spouses into our hearts and arms and give them strength and understanding as they face the daily challenges that they would normally face with their loved one; and

WHEREAS, by showing our gratitude toward these ever devoted women and men, we reinforce the strength of our soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen as they protect and defend our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 8, 2015 as

Military Spouse 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 second day of April, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State

