



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, beef cattle and calves are Tennessee's number one farm commodity generating more than 15 percent of the state's \$4.1 billion agricultural cash receipts; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in the number of farms and 13<sup>th</sup> in the number of beef cows nationally with more than 1.76 million head of cattle and calves; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Tennessee recognizes the important contributions of our state's 48,000 cattle producers; and

**WHEREAS**, cattle are among the most efficient means of converting forage to human food on Tennessee's more than five million acres of pasture and hay and thereby contribute to the conservation of soil by allowing those acres to remain in grasses and legumes; and

**WHEREAS**, beef provides a valuable source of high quality protein, as well as numerous vitamins and minerals important to a healthful diet; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Tennessee recognizes the economic and nutritional value of beef promotion and beef consumption to the enjoyment and good health of our citizens;

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

*Beef 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 first day of June, 2015.



*Bill Haslam*

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Governor

*Joe Wargot*

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Secretary of State