



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, electrification of Tennessee's rural communities and farmland through private, member-owned, non-profit electric cooperatives stands as one of the great accomplishments of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Electric Cooperative continues to improve the well-being of its members by providing affordable and reliable electric service to homes, farms, schools, businesses, and industries; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Electric Cooperative is managed by a nine member Board of Directors elected by the member-owners of the co-op and is sustained by the skills, talents and dedication of its 94 employees; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Electric Cooperative has over 2,650 miles of electric distribution lines and a total utility plant investment in excess of \$195 million; and

WHEREAS, this investment in the small communities of East Tennessee has fostered the economic growth and well-being of its members across Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson and Sevier counties; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Electric Cooperative's mission is to provide more than 45,000 members with reliable, safe and efficient electric service in a courteous and timely manner at an affordable cost; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Electric Cooperative is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of its founding in 1940; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015 as

Appalachian Electric Cooperative 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 eighth day of June, 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Su Hayes".

Secretary of State

