



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, John Adams stated that “the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation”; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that established June 14th as Flag Day; and

WHEREAS, over 200 years after “Old Glory” was first carried into battle, our flag still symbolizes the independence and unity that have been fought for and hard won by this country's brave men and women; and

WHEREAS, our flag has continued to fly at the Battle of Bunker Hill, over the torpedoed battleships at Pearl Harbor, on the mast of the USS Missouri for the unconditional surrender of the Japanese, and thru the scorching heat of the Afghanistan skies, further signifying our steadfast pursuit of freedom and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, not only will the “Star-Spangled Banner” proudly wave from the top of our state capitol, but also from our front porches and at hometown baseball games; and

WHEREAS, as Tennesseans we must continue to teach the significance of the American flag, those who have perished fighting for it, and the honor and pride that we still feel when gazing upon its crimson, white and blue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2015, as

Flag 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 ninth day of June, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State