



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Tennessee's Drive to 55 initiative is to increase the percentage of Tennesseans with a college degree or credential to fifty-five percent by the year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, fifty-five percent of jobs in Tennessee will require postsecondary education and training, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education; and

**WHEREAS**, CollegeforTN.org equips Tennesseans with the resources to prepare for college and successfully meet the requirements of the college application process; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Promise provides the opportunity to attend a community or technical college tuition-free to all Tennessee high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of September 28 - October 2, all Tennessee high school seniors are encouraged to submit an application to a postsecondary institution with the encouragement and assistance of school, college, and community volunteers;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 28 - October 2, 2015, as

## *College Application Week*

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 tenth day of September, 2015.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State