



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, all agencies of State Government have a responsibility to the 6.5 million Tennesseans we serve to provide the best service at the lowest possible cost; and

**WHEREAS**, using energy more efficiently is a critical first step in reducing utility costs and improving our state's environmental footprint, which keeps Tennessee an attractive place to live, work, and visit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee General Assembly demonstrated great leadership in approving funds in the State budget for the EmPower Tennessee program, intended to reduce energy consumption and lower costs in facilities owned or managed by the state; and

**WHEREAS**, we desire that EmPower Tennessee not only be a tool for use by State Government, but also serve as a model and a training tool for local government across the state, and

**WHEREAS**, we commend the work of private and nonprofit organizations across Tennessee interested in promoting energy conservation and clean and renewable energy development; and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration between the public and private sector on issues related to energy consumption offers great potential for improving the lives of all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, the people and organizations of our state can observe this month by making wise energy choices, by educating themselves about opportunities for using clean or renewable energy sources, and by supporting the development and use of best practices in energy usage throughout Tennessee;

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

*Energy Awareness 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 thirtieth day of September, 2015.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Ward*

Secretary of State

