



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, public power is a crucial component in all of the communities across Tennessee, contributing to the overall health of our communities by providing reliable electric power and excellent local service; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's sixty municipal power distributors distribute reliable power to 2.1 million homes and businesses that make up over 70% of the state's residential, commercial, and industrial customers; and

**WHEREAS**, these entities are locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utilities where consumers and owners have a direct say in utility operations and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Tennessee's cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 75 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the local communities through economic development, energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, and safety awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service and evidence commitment to their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's public power utilities will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as they have for generations of Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition of the week of October 4-10, 2015, as the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Public Power Week will serve to make public power's consumer owners, policymakers, and employees more aware of its overall contributions to their well-being;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4-10, 2015, as

*Public Power 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 fifteenth day of September, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

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Secretary of State

