



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day, a day commemorating when an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations was signed at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 marking an end to "the war to end all wars"; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 1938, an Act was approved observing the 11th of November as a legal holiday, stating that the day be "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day"; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, after seeing the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen in history during World War II, and after American forces fought aggression in Korea, the Act of 1938 was amended to replace the word "Armistice" with the word "Veterans" to honor those who had served in all wars; and

WHEREAS, on this day, with all of the pride and gratitude that is in our hearts, we must give recognition to the more than twenty million brave men and women living today who have answered the call to arms and defended the freedoms and liberties that we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, as Tennesseans, we have the great privilege to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary service of the more than 500,000 veterans who reside in our beautiful Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, today, Old Glory will fly proudly from the top of our capitol, the rooftops of our schools, and the porches of our homes as trumpets blare the notes of the Star Spangled Banner in our hometown parades, proclaiming to those individuals who selflessly served our nation that we recognize their sacrifices and are ever grateful and proud of their enduring loyalty and devotion to the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2015, as

Veterans 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 fifth day of October, 2015.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Karag".

Secretary of State