



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and adopting conscientious habits that will improve our daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, although there has been a significant increase in the amount of recycling in Tennessee to date, we must also continue to focus on other initiatives such as waste reduction, composting, the reuse of products and materials and purchasing recycled products; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging businesses, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools and individuals to celebrate America Recycles Day 2015, we can further promote recycling as an environmentally efficient and economically smart habit; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee 2025 Solid Waste and Material Management Plan seeks to accomplish enhancing the quality of the environment and maintaining a comprehensive statewide solid waste management system by working diligently and closely with stakeholders to accomplish environmentally sound solid waste collection, treatment and disposal through source reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and other methods; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recycling and manufacturing sectors utilizing the top four recyclable commodities provide more than 77,000 jobs;

WHEREAS, it is important that all Tennesseans become involved in recycling activities and learn more about the many recycled and recyclable products available to them as consumers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2015 as

America Recycles 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 sixth day of November, 2015.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Rye

Secretary of State