STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways was constructed as a means to provide high-quality jobs, to improve transportation of people and goods, to serve the American people in the national interest and continue to be instrumental in the movement of the economy; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 40 is a transcontinental highway that runs 2,555 miles across the United States and through eight states; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has more miles of Interstate 40 within its boundaries than any other state with 455 miles; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 40 provides access to 24 Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, last year, just over 5.8% of all traffic fatalities occurred on the 455 miles of the Interstate 40 corridor in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina are responsible for regulating traffic on Interstate 40; and

WHEREAS, because Interstate 40 is a major national traffic corridor and Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel holiday periods, a nationwide focus on traffic safety can have a substantial impact on the safety of the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, the "Interstate 40 Challenge: Drive to Zero Fatalities" was conceived in response to significant increase in traffic on Interstate 40 on the Wednesday prior to and the Sunday following Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and seven states along the Interstate 40 corridor will conduct enforcement of life-saving traffic safety laws for the Interstate 40 Challenge this Thanksgiving;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 25 and November 29, 2015, as

The I-40 Challenge:

Drive to Zero Fatalities

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 eighteenth day of November, 2015.

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Governor

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Secretary of State