



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, every student in Tennessee should have access to an effective education; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens across Tennessee agree that continuing to improve the quality of education is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee recognizes the essential role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children to be successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has a multitude of high-quality traditional public schools, public magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools, as well as families who educate their children in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has many high-quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all types of education environments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for parents in Tennessee to explore and identify the best education options available to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that providing children with multiple education options improves academic performance; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is a national celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders, for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective education options for children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 24-30, 2016 as

*School Choice 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 nineteenth day of November, 2015.

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

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Governor

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

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Secretary of State

