



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Code Annotated 15-2-101 states that it is the duty of the Governor to proclaim January 19 as Robert E. Lee Day; and

**WHEREAS**, General Robert E. Lee, born on January 19, 1807, was a world-renowned military leader of the Confederate States of America, and

**WHEREAS**, later General Lee served as President of what would become Washington & Lee University; and

**WHEREAS**, as a leader in war and a leader in peace, was -- and continues to be -- a sterling example of American leadership, inspiration, and honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodrow Wilson said of Robert E. Lee, "This man was not great because he was born of a soldier and bred in a school of soldiers, but because of whosoever he may have been born and howsoever he was bred; he was a man who saw his duty, who conceived it in high terms and who spent himself, not upon his own ambitions, but in the duty that lay before him."

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that this distinguished man be remembered and honored, as always, and especially so during January, his birth month;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2016 as

*Robert E. Lee 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 seventh day of January, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

