



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed in Tennessee, throughout the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the planting and proper maintenance of landscape trees enhances the economic vitality of business areas, increases property values, cuts heating and cooling costs, moderates the temperature, cleans our air, beautifies our communities, and improves our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a unique celebration, focusing not on the past but on the future; and

WHEREAS, All Tennesseans want to work to preserve and perpetuate our heritage of trees and forests across the state; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Arbor Day is to encourage the planting of trees to enhance our rural landscapes, provide forest products and jobs for forest industries, reduce the erosion of our topsoil, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the state wishes to recognize the City of Kingsport for hosting the State Arbor Day Celebration, and extends a thank you to all the tree boards, commissions and committees for their efforts to improve our cities and towns that make Tennessee a great place to live, work and play;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2016, as

Arbor 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 twenty-eighth day of January, 2016.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Ward

Secretary of State