



STATE OF TENNESSEE
P R O C L A M A T I O N
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37% of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads; and

WHEREAS, the inability to swim affects people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, adult drowning is a problem we can solve; and

WHEREAS, nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month; and

WHEREAS, April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and

WHEREAS, with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness, and health for our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that represents over 60,000 adult members who swim, with more than 1,500 local adult swim programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of USMS;

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

Adult Learn to Swim Month

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-ninth day of January, 2016.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State