



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, our valued citizens of Tennessee living in skilled nursing or post-acute care centers have made important contributions for the success and growth of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, care center residents of any age or ability are themselves living history and a precious resource; and

**WHEREAS**, member facilities of the American Health Care Association and the Tennessee Health Care Association are holding events in observance of National Nursing Home Week guided by the theme "It's a small world with a big heart"; and

**WHEREAS**, we embrace this theme to show older adults and persons with disabilities patience, kindness, respect and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, we call upon everyone to visit their loved ones, friends, or neighbors who reside in a skilled nursing or post-acute care center as a way to acknowledge their contributions to society and to lift the spirits of caregivers who value the community's involvement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2016 as

*Nursing Home 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 first day of February, 2016.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State