



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Civil War, 1861-1865, began and ended in the month of April; and

WHEREAS, about 187,000 Tennesseans enlisted in the Confederate Army and 51,000 enlisted in the Army of the United States, with both armies taking heavy casualties; and

WHEREAS, about 3,800 of the some 10,000 military engagements of the War were fought within the boundaries of the State of Tennessee, more than in any other state except Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the battles often gave rise to remarkable acts of heroism and valor by men of both armies; and

WHEREAS, throughout the War widespread suffering existed among the citizens and those in bondage; and

WHEREAS, the entire slave population of 275,000 emerged from the War as free persons, no longer the property of others; and

WHEREAS, the War and its consequences further and profoundly transformed Tennessee's society; and

WHEREAS, the causes and effects of the War and the participation of the State of Tennessee are worthy of historical examination and study; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans can benefit from further understanding these times;

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

Civil War History 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-fourth day of February, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Julie Kirtz in blue ink.

Secretary of State

