



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Keep America Beautiful, Inc. is the nation's leading nonprofit that brings people together to build and sustain vibrant communities and has established the Great American Cleanup as the nation's largest annual community improvement program that harnesses the power of over 4 million volunteers to build vibrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, a University College department of The University of Memphis, is a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and seeks to educate and rally Tennesseans to take responsibility for improving their community environments during the Great American Cleanup throughout the 95 counties of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, last year the Great American Cleanup had approximately 291,219 Tennessee citizens working in over 161 communities in 95 Tennessee counties to remove litter and graffiti, recycle materials and junked vehicles, and beautify the neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Tennessee and we value citizen participation in community improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, since 1983, has served as a state resource center for litter prevention, community greening, and recycling & waste reduction education;

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

*Keep Tennessee Beautiful 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-second day of February, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Pargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

