



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee's children need the emotional and financial support of both parents; and

WHEREAS, the support of parents, extended families, and the community helps children grow into healthy, productive adults; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is committed to promoting the health and well-being of all of its children by ensuring that parents pay child support on a regular and timely basis; and

WHEREAS, child support services and promotion of parental responsibility are key elements of the Department of Human Services' priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a month should be set apart for the direction of our thoughts toward a child's needs, social justice, human dignity and achieving self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, such established observations give us an occasion to educate and to inform, to encourage increased community involvement and to focus on the unity of Tennessee for the collection of child support for our children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee salutes those parents who support their children and honors the almost 900 child support professionals in Tennessee who helped collect a record amount exceeding \$643 million in child support for the children of Tennessee during state fiscal year 2016;

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

Child Support Awareness 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 twelfth day of July, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Julie Hargrett in blue ink.

Secretary of State