



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, this year marks the two-hundredth anniversary of the inspiring sight that greeted Francis Scott Key "in the dawn's early light" of September 14, 1814 during the Battle of Fort McHenry; and

WHEREAS, his immortal description of the Fort McHenry flag was incorporated into The Star Spangled Banner which Congress recognized as our national anthem in 1931; and

WHEREAS, the War of 1812 was an important test of America's determination to exist, when it appeared the light of our new nation might be extinguished; and

WHEREAS, singing the National Anthem is an important reminder of what "the land of the free and the home of the brave" continues to stand for in the world; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is proud to join in support of a nationwide celebration of the Bicentennial of America's National Anthem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2014 as

"Sing it America"

Star-Spangled Banner Day

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 third day of September, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor