



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, persistent, dry weather has created conditions of extreme drought in certain areas of the State of Tennessee;

**WHEREAS**, these extreme drought conditions have contributed to at least 74 current wildfires across approximately 13,224 acres in the State;

**WHEREAS**, these wildfires are creating air quality concerns and threatening property and safety;

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Agriculture has issued burn bans in several Tennessee counties due to the extreme drought conditions;

**WHEREAS**, multiple local, state, and federal agencies are engaged in drought and wildfire monitoring and response efforts;

**WHEREAS**, issuing a temporary ban on the starting of any open air and unconfined fire on or near woodlands where dangerous fire hazards exist will serve to prevent further wildfires and mitigate the impact of the extreme drought conditions; and

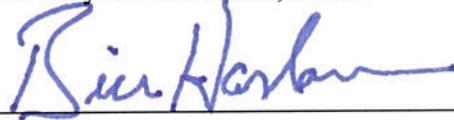
**WHEREAS**, such a ban is in the interest of public safety and the protection of public and private property.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, including but not limited to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-1-108, do hereby proclaim:

1. The starting of any open air and unconfined fire on or near woodlands where dangerous fire hazards exist is forbidden in the following counties: Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon, Carter, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Franklin, Grainger, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Macon, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Smith, Sullivan, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, and White.
2. Pursuant to Section 8-1-108(b), violation of this proclamation constitutes a Class A misdemeanor.
3. This proclamation shall remain in effect through December 15, 2016.

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**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 14th day of November, 2016.



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Governor

ATTEST:



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Secretary of State



[SIGNATURE PAGE TO GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2016]