



# WELCOME from the GOVERNOR

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the great state of Tennessee, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2018 Tennessee State Fair, where the finest of Tennessee agriculture, tourism, heritage, and family entertainment is annually showcased and celebrated.

The Tennessee State Fair has been an agricultural institution since it was first held in 1855. The fair continues to feature the best of our state's farm, creative, and cultural resources.

Agricultural producers have the opportunity to present their hard work while educating fairgoers about the state's food and agriculture industry.

With this year's theme, *The Heart of Tennessee*, the traditions continue with thousands of expected visitors who will enjoy and participate in educational competitions and exhibitions throughout the 10-day event. As fair visitors and participants, you make up the very heart and spirit of the fair.

I hope your time at the fair allows you to visit with friends, both old and new. As you enjoy the variety of fun and entertainment with your families, friends, and visitors, I encourage you to also share in the sights and sounds of Middle Tennessee and the Nashville area while you are here.

Crissy and I extend our very best wishes for another wonderful Tennessee State Fair experience.

Warmest regards,

Bill Haslam