



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee ranks 6th in the nation, in regards to obesity, with 28.8% of our population considered obese (a Body Mass Index >30) and 9.2% of our population diagnosed with type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee ranks 3rd in the nation in regards to childhood obesity; and more than 9 million children over age 6 are considered obese; and

WHEREAS, The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) Foundation and the Obesity Action Coalition will present the fifth annual nationwide Walk From Obesity an event designed to reduce disability, death and discrimination of people who are obese by educating the public and healthcare professionals about effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, This nationwide non-competitive walking event will bring together participants of all ages from throughout their communities to join forces and walk to raise money for research, education, prevention and treatment of obesity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 29th, 2007, as

WALK TO PREVENT OBESITY 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 14th day of September, 2007.

Governor

Secretary of State

