



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, in 1908, the nation's leaders knew that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector created the first reservoir of trained officers in a reserve status, known as the Medical Reserve Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, today, more than twenty percent of the Army's assets lie within the Army Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1916, Congress passed the National Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, later named the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC), all of which are forerunners of the current Army Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, during both World Wars, Army Reserve Soldiers answered the call of duty: during World War I, 89,500 reserve officers were mobilized, and during World War II, 200,000 members of the ORC participated, with reserve officers providing twenty-nine percent of the Army's Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1952, legislation renamed the ORC as the Army Reserve and divided it into three reserves, a Ready Reserve, a Standby Reserve, and a Retired Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation also provided that reserve units have twenty-four training days and up to seventeen days of annual training; and

**WHEREAS**, the Army Reserve has been an integral part of numerous conflicts with more than seventy Army Reserve units having deployed to the Korean Peninsula, well over 120,000 soldiers providing combat support and combat service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and by offering similar support in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, currently more than 12,000 Army Reserve Soldiers are deployed around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of the Army Reserve has changed over time, moving from a strategic reserve to an operational force, with the Army Reserve providing resources and training to first-responder organizations across the nation, training soldiers, implementing national objectives, keeping the Army mobile, and enabling the Army to do more with constrained resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Army Reserve makes up twenty percent of the Army's organized units, while providing one half of the Army's combat support and one-fourth of its mobilization base expansion capabilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2013, as the

*105<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States Army Reserve*

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 eleventh day of April, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

