



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2012, a landslide occurred on Interstate 75 near Mile Marker 143 resulting in emergency conditions for Campbell County, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this landslide, Interstate 75 in Campbell County, Tennessee, was closed in the southbound direction and the northbound direction was reduced to one lane to complete emergency construction of median crossovers; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2012, one lane of the southbound direction of Interstate 75 was reopened; and

**WHEREAS**, this landslide is causing a serious disruption to the State's transportation system, including but not limited to commercial and emergency response vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2012, a rockslide occurred on U. S. Highway 129 (State Route 115) near Mile Marker 9.5 resulting in emergency conditions for Blount County, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this rockslide, U. S. Highway 129 in Blount County, Tennessee will be closed in both directions for completion of emergency and permanent repairs causing a serious disruption to the County's transportation system, including but not limited to, emergency response vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Blount County, Tennessee is home to the Smoky Mountain National Park, the most visited national park in the United States and borders the Cherokee National Forest, both of which are major tourist destinations in the state of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, as emergency personnel have gathered additional information from, a devastating economic impact of these slide events on the community, it has become clear that a disaster has been visited upon this part of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, because of these conditions, I have determined that a state of emergency has existed since March 8, 2012, imperatively requiring immediate action to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and this emergency continues to exist in Tennessee.

**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 Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b), do hereby declare a state of emergency in Blount County and Campbell County, Tennessee. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b)(2), this state of emergency will remain in effect for these counties until I have determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist; provided that in no event will the state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) additional days, unless specifically renewed.

**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 27th day of March, 2012.

  
Governor

  
Secretary of State