



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., represents the spouses and families of the members and Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is a Congressional chartered, non-profit organization incorporated by the war widows of World War II in the State of New York on December 18, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was a member and one of fifteen signers of the original Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. papers; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Gold Star Wives is to provide service, support and friendship to the widows and widowers of military personnel, and to assist them in understanding and obtaining the benefits provided by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star Wives of America members convene across the country to establish social networks and exchange information and resources in order to remain active in the military community; and

WHEREAS, the members of Gold Star Wives visit and volunteer at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, military hospitals and in local communities as well as participate in national and local memorial services throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 5, 2012, as

GOLD STAR WIVES 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 5th day of April, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State