



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1912, White Star Line's luxury steamship RMS Titanic departed on her maiden North Atlantic voyage from Southampton, England to the Port of New York with 2,208 passengers and crew on board; and

WHEREAS, in the late hours of April 14, 1912, Titanic was fatally damaged by a massive iceberg, and more than 1,500 souls perished in the early hours of April 15 as RMS Titanic finally dove beneath the icy surface of the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, over time, RMS Titanic and the stories of its passengers have inspired others through books and films while continuing to make headlines, particularly since its 1985 discovery off the coast of Newfoundland; and

WHEREAS, 100 years later, the state of Tennessee honors the great ship RMS Titanic and the Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, which continues to carry the Titanic legacy; and

WHEREAS, Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge is the largest and most prestigious permanent Titanic monument in the world; and

WHEREAS, descendants of Titanic's passengers and crew members visit Pigeon Forge to honor ancestors and learn their inspiring story; and

WHEREAS, travelers to Tennessee visit to experience what it was really like to be a passenger on Titanic, and to see why a 100 year-old story still inspires; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2012, as

TITANIC MEMORIAL TRIBUTE 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 tenth day of April, 2012.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Wargatt in blue ink.

Secretary of State