



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is proud to have a large and continuously growing population of individuals sixty years of age and older who call our state home; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is committed to its older citizens, helping individuals maintain their health and independence, treating people with proper respect and dignity, and seeking new and better ways to improve quality of life; and

WHEREAS, our older citizens play a vital role throughout our State in so many unique and different ways, whether through their labor, their volunteer contributions, their community and family activities, or through the simple task of sharing their knowledge, wisdom and understanding with others in a way that helps to connect our past to both our present and our future; and

WHEREAS, our communities are enriched by the interactions between people of all generations, allowing Tennesseans to benefit from the experiences of all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has traditionally been recognized in our country as the time that we specifically recognize our older citizens for what they mean to our state;

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

OLDER TENNESSEANS MONTH

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 20th day of April, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Bill Haslam'.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Joe Hargett'.

Secretary of State