



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the third Saturday in April is an important day in the lives of auctioneers every year, and "National Auctioneers Day" is recognized by auctioneers across the world as a day to reflect back on one of history's oldest professions and celebrate the profession's rich history and traditions, as well as its future; and

WHEREAS, according to NAA President Christie King, for over 2,000 years, auctioneers have played a critical role in commerce, and the public, businesses and nations have depended on the professional services of auctioneers for centuries, entrusting auctioneers with their most valued and prized possessions for sale; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate National Auctioneers Day to commemorate the profession's history and celebrate the work of those who built the foundation for this industry's future; and

WHEREAS, auctions and the age-old profession of auctioneering continue to grow every year, and it is estimated that approximately a quarter-trillion dollars in goods and services are sold by live auction every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, online or on the lawn (and on television), auctions continue to grow in popularity with consumers, with bidders enjoying the thrill of competition with an auction and the rush that comes with the chase for treasures; and

WHEREAS, auctions can be effective and efficient means of turning assets into cash quickly, as well as a source of fun and entertainment.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Auctioneers Association and the National Auctioneers Association (NAA) and their members encourage the public to enjoy Saturday, April 21 by attending an auction;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2012, as

NATIONAL AUCTIONEERS 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 21st day of April, 2012.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Mangott in blue ink.

Secretary of State