



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Military Spouse Day was first celebrated in 1984 when then, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the observance to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of military spouses; and

WHEREAS, the United States military now sets aside the Friday before Mother's Day each year to pay tribute to the spouses who take care of the families and households back home as members of our Armed Forces serve and protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, military spouses carry out their duties with great pride, quiet determination and courageous endurance; and

WHEREAS, the military spouses play a vital role in the commitment, readiness, and well-being of military members; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of Military Spouse Day reinforces our nation's resolve to provide support for spouses who face these challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to express our gratitude and remember the sacrifices military spouses make for our country each and every day; and

WHEREAS, it is important to thank the husbands, wives, and loved ones of our nation's military, and show our steadfast commitment through public appreciation throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, in doing so, we honor all of the men and women in uniform and their families who work tirelessly to meet their daily challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2012, as

MILITARY SPOUSE 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 26th day of April, 2012.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Mangott".

Secretary of State

