



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, during Tennessee Week for the Animals, lives of companion animals will be saved at numerous adoption events held throughout Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, this awareness campaign strives to bring together organizations and agencies including animal shelters, humane societies, libraries, schools, wildlife centers and sanctuaries in scheduled events to help celebrate the joy, service and love that animals bring to our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, we also hope to build awareness as to the importance of adopting pets from animal shelters as well as spaying and neutering your pets; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting organizations will be in hospitals and assisted living facilities during this special week bringing joy to the patients who need and appreciate the love of therapy animals;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week September 24-October 2, 2011, as

## 7TH ANNUAL TENNESSEE WEEK OF THE ANIMALS

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 19th day of September, 2011.

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Governor

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Secretary of State