



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the aim of the Pay It Forward concept is to promote community spirit through intentional acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, the Pay It Forward novel, written by Catherine Ryan Hyde, and first published in 1999 by Simon & Schuster, Inc., has inspired the creation of a movie, a non-profit foundation, and a movement that has been vital in inspiring millions of good deeds all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Pay It Forward Day was created in 2007 in Australia to further the altruistic movement of goodwill; and

WHEREAS, Pay It Forward Day is a worldwide effort being supported by people in more than 38 countries, including Australia, the United States of America, Canada, and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Pay It Forward Day encourages people to do good deeds for others without asking for anything in return except for the recipients to pay it forward to others in need; and

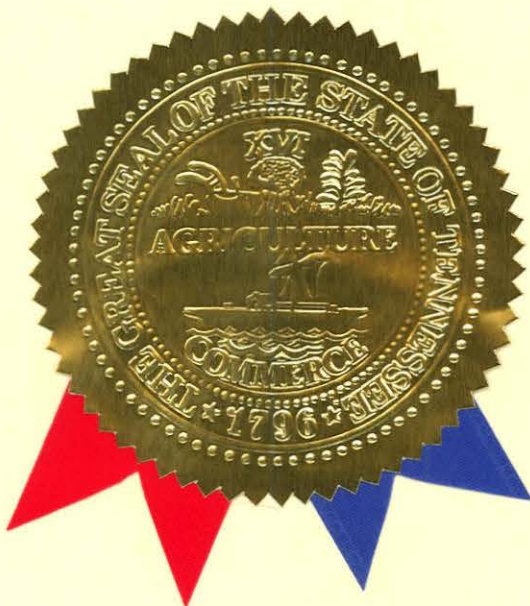
WHEREAS, together we can make a difference by creating positive change in our community and world one good deed at a time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim April 26, 2012 as

PAY IT FORWARD 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", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State