



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee's most valuable resource is its children and they deserve every possible opportunity to grow and develop to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are among the greatest risks to the health and well-being of Tennessee's children; and

WHEREAS, there were more than 60,000 reports of child abuse and neglect in Tennessee last year; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among communities, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and businesses; and

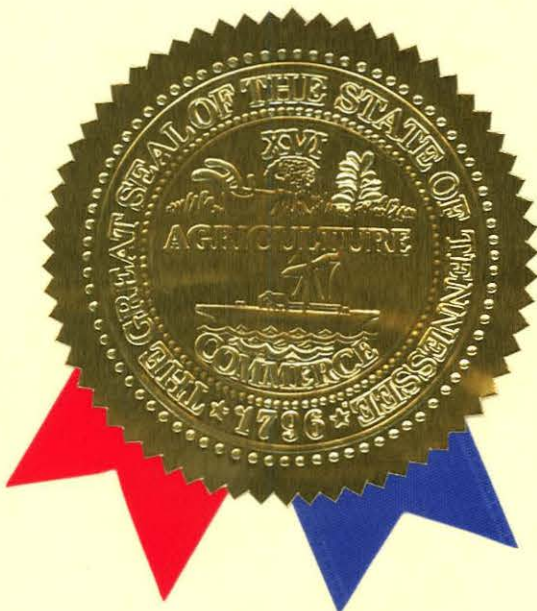
WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services, in conjunction with other agencies and programs across the state, is working to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting healthy families, protecting children, and supporting communities;

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION 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 27th day of April, 2012.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State