



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, from the mighty Mississippi to the Tennessee River, our state is known throughout the nation for its fine barbecue; and

**WHEREAS**, as soon as weather permits each year, one can find Tennesseans in their backyards slathering beef, fowl, fish, or the like, with cupfuls of their favorite tangy sauce; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become a tradition in our Great State for men and women to compete with one another to determine just what combination of vinegar, tomatoes and spices pleases the palates of the majority; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of great barbecue and friendly competition. The Variety Barbecue Bash Cook -Off has grown by leaps and bounds by attracting teams from coast to coast and now awards prizes in excess of \$12,000 for the best barbecue cooking teams; and

**WHEREAS**, the Variety Barbecue Cook-Off is now sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, an accolade which will promote further growth and improvement of the annual event; and

**WHEREAS**, designation as a State Championship event will permit the Variety Barbecue Bash Cook-Off to provide an automatic invitation for it's winners to the Jack Daniels' National Invitational Barbecue Competition in Lynchburg and also to the American Royal Invitational Barbecue at Kansas City, without affecting the status of any other championship event currently held in Tennessee;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim

## THE VARIETY BARBEQUE BASH COOK-OFF

an official State Championship.

**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 9th day of May, 2012.



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

Governor

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

Secretary of State