



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, home ownership is a foundation of the American Dream and generations of Tennesseans have worked hard and saved so that they might enjoy the security and stability of owning their own home; and

WHEREAS, home ownership strengthens families and encourages residents to take pride in their neighborhoods and to take an active role in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Housing Act, which President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law in June of 1934, made home ownership available to millions of families who previously could not have afforded to buy their own homes; and

WHEREAS, home ownership stimulates construction and related industries, creates jobs, and enhances our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, low interest rates continue to enable millions of Americans to become first-time homeowners; and

WHEREAS, developers, lenders, realtors, nonprofit counselors and government agencies work together in promoting and preserving home ownership opportunities for the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, home ownership continues to be one of the most significant strategies for families to build wealth, and strengthens communities by providing economic benefits to neighborhoods and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's loan programs helped provide the dream of home ownership to 2,161 of individuals/families in Tennessee in 2011; and

WHEREAS, through the HOME program over 280 families/individuals were assisted with home ownership or some type of homeowner preservation during 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency helped to provide safe, sound affordable housing to over 728 families through its Housing Trust Fund in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's Keep My Tennessee Home and Foreclosure Prevention programs helped 2,735 home owners in preventing foreclosure and mitigating the impact of foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, home ownership represents a pathway to pride and prosperity, encourages values of responsibility and sacrifice, and generates economic growth that helps strengthen our State;

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

HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH



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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 1st day of May, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State

