



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation can be an effective tool for encouraging growth and development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

**WHEREAS**, "Discover America's Hidden Gems" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2012, cosponsored by the Tennessee Historical Commission, the Tennessee Main Street Program, the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation, the Tennessee Preservation Trust, the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, Cornerstones, Inc. of Chattanooga, Memphis Heritage, Inc., Historic Nashville, Inc., the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, Knox Heritage, the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance, the Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation;

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

## PRESERVATION 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 1st 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