



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Cummins Falls, located in southeast Jackson County, at 75 feet high, is the eighth largest waterfall in Tennessee in magnitude; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cummins Falls formation on the Eastern Highland Rim creates unique, dramatic topography and rare ecosystems where wildlife thrives in this forested gorge; and

**WHEREAS**, Cummins Falls is the most significant geological and scenic feature located on the Blackburn Fork State Scenic River, designated by the National Park Service as outstanding for scenic, recreational, geological and wildlife values; and

**WHEREAS**, Cummins Falls has been a favorite scenic spot and swimming hole for local residents and Tennessee Tech students for generations, and has been listed as one of the ten best swimming holes in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Cummins Falls has the potential to attract many visitors and generate valuable tourist revenue for the entire Upper Cumberland regional economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cummins Falls and its surroundings are distinctive lands worthy of preservation for future generations to enjoy and admire; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, the Nature Conservancy Tennessee Chapter, Tennessee Technological University, Dr. Glen Hall, the Cummins Family, Jackson County, and numerous private individuals and community organizations have participated in the outstanding effort to acquire and preserve the Cummins Falls property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board, State Lands Acquisition Fund, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and Tennessee Department of Transportation have provided significant resources and support to assist the acquisition and placement of Cummins Falls into public ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee State Parks has the skill, ability and commitment to manage and maintain this unique natural place as a scenic, accessible site for recreation and enjoyment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim and establish the land possessed by the State of Tennessee at and surrounding Cummins Falls as

## CUMMINS FALLS STATE PARK

and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy recognition of our state's newest state park.

**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 twenty-second day of May, 2012.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, the Governor of Tennessee, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Julie Haydt, the Secretary of State of Tennessee, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

