



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, WPLN-FM signed on the air on December 17, 1962, broadcasting from studios in the Richland Park branch of the Nashville Public Library, later moving into the Ben West Library; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, WPLN-FM became a charter member of National Public Radio and helped launch the nation's first public radio network; and

**WHEREAS**, WPLN-FM was a successful unit of the Nashville Public Library until 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, with strong support from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Nashville Public Radio incorporated in 1996 and began operations as an independent not-for-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Nashville Public Radio moved into state of the art studios and offices in MetroCenter; and

**WHEREAS**, Nashville Public Radio expanded services and audiences by launching WHRS-FM, WTML-FM, WPLN-AM, an array of digital services and a classical music service on WFCL 91.1 FM; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined audiences for Nashville Public Radio's signals and services now approaches 250,000 listeners, making it one of the highest performing public radio stations in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, for 50 years Nashville Public Radio has remained faithful to its core mission to provide Middle Tennessee audiences with trusted in-depth news, engaging music, and unique cultural programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2012 as

## NASHVILLE PUBLIC RADIO DAY

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 22nd day of June, 2012.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Rye, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

