



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in observance of the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on America, which killed citizens from 92 different countries, we hereby adopt the following Proclamation in tribute to those lost and injured on 9/11, and the many who gave of themselves in service to their communities and to this country in the aftermath of the attacks:

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2011, instantly transformed everyone's lives, some through personal loss, and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage and service; and

WHEREAS, many brave people heroically, tirelessly and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk; and

WHEREAS, many citizens may wish to memorialize September 11th by engaging in personal and individual acts of community service or other giving activities as part of a solemn day of remembrance and tribute; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2009, the United States Congress passed bipartisan legislation authorizing the establishment of September 11th as a federally recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance, which the President signed into law on April 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the President, on September 11, 2009, issued the Patriot Day Proclamation officially and permanently designating September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, and calling upon all interested Americans to participate in this observance through moments of silence, flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, as well as community service and charitable activities in tribute and remembrance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2011 as

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

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 11th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State