



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Music City Festival and BBQ Championship is an annual occasion involving BBQ competitions, music and events in the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Music City Festival and BBQ Championship is recognized as a state championship; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2009 by Brian Hamilton, Tom Kiermaier, and Frank Platt, the Music City Festival and BBQ Championship has four categories: brisket, chicken, pork, and ribs; and

WHEREAS, in true volunteer spirit, hundreds of Tennesseans come together to give back to the festival, to charities, and to the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the Music City Festival and BBQ Championship donates a portion of each event's proceeds to a number of charitable organizations, including the Shriners Children's Hospital and Wounded Warrior Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 24th and 25th, 2012 as

MUSIC CITY FESTIVAL AND BBQ CHAMPIONSHIP

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 24th day of July, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State

