



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, at least five million people in the world are living with Alzheimer's Disease today, along with their families, friends and care partners; and

WHEREAS, more than 120,000 Tennesseans and their families, friends, and care partners are living with Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia - together they would fill the University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the number of East Tennesseans living with Alzheimer's Disease today would pack UT's Thompson-Boling arena; and

WHEREAS, more and more lives are touched by Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias every day at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, courageous individuals like Lady Vols Coach Pat Summitt are sharing their fight, and encouraging Vol fans, basketball fans, and supporters around the world to unite for the cause through the "We Back Pat" campaign; and

WHEREAS, greater awareness, enhanced support services, increased advocacy efforts, and far more emphasis on research are desperately needed to curb the ever-growing impact of this disease on our world, our country, our state, and in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc., the primary advocate addressing Alzheimer's related issues in the state of Tennessee, is launching a new grassroots advocacy campaign to gather feedback for a national plan; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc. and supporters are gathered for the "Game on! for World Alzheimer's Day" event to tip-off this special day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 21, 2011, as

WORLD ALZHEIMER'S 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 21st day of September, 2011.



Governor

Secretary of State