



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1928, the members of a group led by Grace Darling Seibold of Washington, DC, established a national organization incorporated as American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., to provide support for mothers in the United States who had lost sons or daughters in World War I; and

WHEREAS, the name came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a Service Flag in the window of their homes; and

WHEREAS, the Service Flag had a star for each family member serving in the military, with living servicemen represented by a blue star, and those who had lost their lives represented by a gold star; and

WHEREAS, in June, 1936, the President of the United States designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers' Day; and

WHEREAS, today the tradition continues by honoring all Gold Star Mothers on this day and remembering the supreme sacrifice their sons and daughters made for our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we publicly express our gratitude to these special matriarchs who extends comfort and support to other Gold Star Mothers and wounded warriors while fostering a deep sense of service and patriotism throughout our Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2012, as

GOLD STAR MOTHERS 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 6th day of August, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Bill Haslam', written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Joe Wargitt', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State