



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideal of shared stewardship; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families lead a more active lifestyle, which can help reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among state and local residents, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2012, as

PUBLIC LANDS 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 1st day of September, 2012.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Wright in blue ink.

Secretary of State