



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, entomology, the study of insects, plays an important role in the advancement of humanity by providing valuable insights in such diverse areas as agriculture, biology, chemistry, medicine, forensics, environmental science and economics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entomologists are involved in the development of ecologically sound pest management strategies, research supporting beekeeping in the state, research discovering new biochemical and genetic information using insect models and surveillance of insect vectors of disease; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entomologists work to protect the environment by monitoring invasive insect species and by protecting and preserving rare, threatened, and endangered native species and the fragile aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which are an integral part of Tennessee's unique ecology; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entomologists contribute to the education of undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students in Tennessee's institutions of higher education, as well as train future generations of entomologists; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's schoolchildren possess a natural curiosity about insects and Tennessee entomologists frequently educate these children as visiting scientists in Tennessee's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entomologists frequently educate Tennesseans about insects through interviews by television, radio and print media; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Entomological Society will assist the Entomological Society of America at their annual meetings in Knoxville, Tennessee on November 11-14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Entomological Society will hold its 39th annual meeting on October 11-12, 2012 at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Ellington Agricultural Center in Nashville;

WHEREAS, for the past 39 years, the Tennessee Entomological Society has worked diligently in the public interest and is one of Tennessee's strongest supporters of scientific excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-13, 2012 as

TENNESSEE ENTOMOLOGY WEEK

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 4th day of September, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State

