



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the opportunities of America make our land a beacon of hope for people from every corner of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, America's minority-owned businesses contribute greatly to our economy and the richness of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee is committed to fostering an environment where everyone can attain the American dream; and

**WHEREAS**, business owners are working hard to achieve their goals and helping to extend the promises of America to their fellow citizens, and these businesses and their employees are vital contributors to our national prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, initiated by Presidential Proclamation in 1983, Minority Enterprise Development Week commemorates the contribution of Tennessee's minority entrepreneurs and firms as vital to our nation's economic strength and an essential part of our national heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30 through October 14, 2012 as

## MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT 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.

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

Governor

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

Secretary of State

