



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Goodlettsville All-Stars baseball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2012 season: capturing the state and regional titles for the 11-12 years of age division, becoming the first team to represent Tennessee in the Little League World Series (LLWS) in twenty-five years, and becoming the first Tennessee team ever to win the United States Championship and play for the World Series Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, after securing the Southeast Regional Championship following a 1-0 victory over Georgia's team on August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Goodlettsville All-Stars ascended to the Little League World Series, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, proudly sporting the brilliant robin's egg blue and black uniforms with "Southeast" emblazoned across the fronts of the jerseys, and carrying with them the pride and joy of the entire State of Tennessee, the Goodlettsville All-Stars took to the field for their first game of the World Series on August 16<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the All-Stars soundly defeated the Midwest team from Kearney, Nebraska, in a 12-1 victory to open the World Series, and went on to defeat the West team from Petaluma, California, 9-6 in their second game; and

**WHEREAS**, after a 4-3 victory against the Southwest team from San Antonio, Texas, the Goodlettsville team advanced to the United States Championship game, becoming the first Little League team from Tennessee to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, on the afternoon of August 25<sup>th</sup>, the Goodlettsville All-Stars once again faced the team from Petaluma, with each team playing for the privilege of facing the Japanese team in the World Series Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, in a game which is sure to be spoken of for many years to come, the All-Stars emerged with a 24-16 victory over Petaluma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Goodlettsville All-Stars represented Tennessee and the United States with great honor and distinction in the World Series Championship game, and their successful performance in the LLWS united their community and this State, and the joy with which they played each and every game inspired many throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the players on the Goodlettsville All-Star team are: Cole Carter #7, Luke Brown #14, Andrew Snyder #10, Collin O'Berry #15, Justin Smith #13, Seth Marlin #2, Blake Osborne #5, Lorenzo Butler #8, Jake Rucker #18, Brock Myers #25, Jayson Brown #19, Ryan Lyle #22, and Jonathan Seals #12; and

**WHEREAS**, the All-Stars are very thankful for the hard work and dedication of the team's head coach and team manager, Joey Hale, and coaches Jerry Hale and Steve Snyder who shaped this talented group of players into a fearsome foe on the diamond; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the 2012 Goodlettsville All-Stars baseball team have represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying true character and the Tennessee spirit both on and off the field; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor and congratulate the 2012 Goodlettsville All-Stars for capturing the state, regional, and United States championships, applaud their stellar and inspirational performance in the Little League World Series, and extend our best wishes for continued success;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2012 as

## **GOODLETTSVILLE ALL-STARS 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 fifth day of September, 2012.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State

