



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, child sexual abuse is a "silent epidemic" according to the American Medical Association, and is so widespread that each person probably knows someone who has been victimized or who has abused; and

**WHEREAS**, One with Courage is the Tennessee Chapter of Children's Advocacy Center's statewide initiative centered on the courage it takes to talk about child sexual abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, every day hundreds of children walk through the doors of Child Advocacy Centers in Tennessee with the courage to talk about their abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the 47 Child Advocacy Centers in Tennessee play a unique role in providing comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate services to child victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of our community and state leadership to raise awareness, learn the signs and symptoms, share the information with others, and be the One with Courage to make a difference; and

**WHEREAS**, today marks the kickoff of the Tennessee Children's Advocacy Center's One with Courage campaign;

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

## ONE WITH COURAGE 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 8th day of March, 2012.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in cursive script.

Governor

Handwritten signature of J. Harshbarger in cursive script.

Secretary of State