



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Supreme Court Rule 31 was enacted in January 1996 to establish court-based alternative dispute resolution on a statewide basis; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of promulgation of Supreme Court Rule 31, there are now over a thousand Rule 31 mediators in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee legislature supports ten state-funded Victim Offender Reconciliation Program centers; and

**WHEREAS**, mediation in Tennessee continues to grow and assist citizens and the courts in alternative dispute resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, governmental entities across the United States and around the world are proclaiming October 20, 2011 as an official day of recognition for conflict resolution;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

## MEDIATION MONTH

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 12th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State