



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee holds the health and safety of its young adults as a chief concern; and

**WHEREAS**, text messaging is the main mode of communication for most American teenagers with half of all teens sending between 21 and 70 texts per day; and

**WHEREAS**, 90% of American teenagers expect a reply to a text message within five minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, texting takes one's eyes off the road for an average of five seconds; and

**WHEREAS**, in an AT&T survey, 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous; and

**WHEREAS**, a Virginia Tech study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash; and

**WHEREAS**, a driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012 as

## NO TEXT ON BOARD - PLEDGE 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 seventeenth day of September, 2012.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, the Governor of Tennessee, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Hargett, the Secretary of State of Tennessee, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

