



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, all Tennesseans need to be adept in the skills necessary to effectively navigate the Information Age in order to ensure that, regardless of age, race, or socioeconomic status, they have access to current and credible information; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to seek, find, evaluate, and use information from all sources is a necessary element of effective decision-making across various financial, medical, educational, and technical fields; and

**WHEREAS**, information literacy provides the tools and skills to successfully find, evaluate, and use information from a diverse array of sources in a constantly changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens who are comfortable working with the information resources available in the digital world are able to seek skilled jobs and compete at the highest levels in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee libraries in schools, colleges, and communities play a vital role in teaching students to be information literate by enabling students to think critically, utilize multiple technologies to gather and manage information, and create and share knowledge ethically; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee State Library and Archives, the Tennessee Library Association, the Tennessee Association of School Librarians, and other Tennessee educational organizations provide a wide variety of information literacy tools and services; and

**WHEREAS**, information literacy is a crucial part of education, and if taught as early as the kindergarten level will expose students to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies;

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

## INFORMATION LITERACY AWARENESS 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 first day of October, 2012.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Reger", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

