



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month was established by an Act of Congress in 1968 to acknowledge the many contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, those contributions go back to the early days of our nation and our state, as Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, born in Knox County, the first Admiral of the United States, was the son of Jorge Farragut, originally from Spain; and

**WHEREAS**, today, our state has a vibrant and growing Latino community, which greatly adds to the richness and cultural diversity of our area; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance begins September 15, the anniversary of the independence for Costa Rica, el Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and includes September 16, the anniversary of Mexico's independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance continues until October 15, and various local celebrations will take place in the different cities and towns of Tennessee, such as festivals, art exhibits and cultural events;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2012 to October 15, 2012 as

## HISPANIC HERITAGE 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 fifteenth day of September, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lee Hargrett".

Secretary of State