



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, our nation strives to encourage greatness and achievement in our young people; and

WHEREAS, interest and participation in the sport of soccer are at their highest point ever among our nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, many of the children in our community participate in local soccer leagues; and

WHEREAS, soccer provides a great foundation and offers skills for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Youth Soccer Month is celebrated in the month of September to help bring attention to the sport of soccer and to encourage and promote physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Youth Soccer Month sets children on the path to success by helping them make smart, healthy decisions to avoid childhood obesity and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Youth Soccer Month seeks to encourage the values of physical fitness, sportsmanship, family and friendship; and

WHEREAS, the messages of Youth Soccer Month communicate the importance of physical activity/fitness and exercise and their link to good health;

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

YOUTH SOCCER 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 September, 2012.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Wright in blue ink.

Secretary of State