



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Veterans Day has been observed since 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the U.S. Congress officially recognized the service of our veterans; and

WHEREAS, with more than 22 million living Veterans of our United States military - approximately one-half million of those in Tennessee - our thoughts turn to the overwhelming sacrifice of our men and women in uniform who boldly rose up to defend and preserve our freedom; and

WHEREAS, with unselfish dedication to duty, our heroes relinquished their freedom so that their families, friends and all citizens of this great nation might live and enjoy an abundant life in this great country; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the special contributions of our veterans and are forever indebted to them for the preservation of our freedom and peace; and

WHEREAS, we should reflect upon these actions with pride and gratitude as we pay tribute to these veterans for the price they paid in order to ensure that America is beautiful, strong and free; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012 as

VETERANS 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 1st day of October, 2012.

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

Governor

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

Secretary of State