



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, healthy lifestyles of Tennessee children today will fortify the welfare and progress of the state in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing the burden of health problems like infant mortality, childhood obesity, asthma and preventable injury and illness requires us to work collectively and proactively as a state; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous state and local partners are collaborating to offer community-driven support and the proper resources to families while fostering healthier choices among Tennessee's children and residents of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has a longstanding history of promoting child health, from being the first state in the nation to pass child safety seat legislation to recent recognition as a national leader in childhood immunization and school vending policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Health Day is a national event first proclaimed by President Calvin Coolidge in 1928 that celebrates its 84th observance this October; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicating a week to the health and well-being of children will encourage a lifelong pattern of healthy living; and

**WHEREAS**, all Tennesseans can positively impact the well-being of children through the encouragement and promotion of healthy lifestyles;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 3-9, 2011 as

## CHILD HEALTH WEEK

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 27th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State