



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Father Ryan High School Marching Band's participation in the nationally broadcast Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will bring country-wide recognition to the State of Tennessee and the city of Nashville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Father Ryan High School Marching Band is the only high school marching band from the State of Tennessee - and one of only five in the nation - to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this year; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the first year the Father Ryan High School Marching band is participating in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Father Ryan High School Marching Band was established in 1946, making it one of the oldest programs at the school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Father Ryan High School Marching Band has more than eighty-three members from five Tennessee counties: Cheatham, Davidson, Rutherford, Williamson, Wilson; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Father Ryan High School Marching Band will travel 892 miles to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Father Ryan High School Marching Band raised more than \$70,000 to pay for the trip; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor past members of the Father Ryan High School Marching Band, a picture of each former band member will be displayed on a current band member's uniform while performing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee and Nashville are known for producing talented musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, Nashville, Tennessee, is known as Music City, USA;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 18-24, 2012, as

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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 24th 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 "Je Hargett", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

