



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee supports secondary educational attainment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the League of Employees of African Descent (LEAD) scholarship foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and was founded in 2002 by employees of Merck & Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the LEAD Scholarship Foundation believes that education empowers individuals and opens doors of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the foundation vows to keep those doors of opportunity open by providing financial assistance for higher education and building support systems to ensure continued success of our award recipients; and

WHEREAS, the LEAD Scholarship Foundation, Inc., provides financial assistance for high school seniors of African/African-American descent entering their freshman year in college; and

WHEREAS, the LEAD Scholarship Foundation's vision includes building a pipeline of employable talent; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee joins the LEAD Scholarship Foundation, Inc., in celebrating ten years of providing scholarships to deserving African American scholars and LEADers of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee welcomes the LEAD Scholarship Foundation, Inc., Award & Banquet Gala to Memphis, Tennessee, November 9-10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans celebrate the tenth anniversary of the LEAD Scholarship Foundation, Inc., acknowledge LEAD for its dedication to education, and wish the LEAD and its scholarship recipients continued success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 9-10, 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 twenty-third 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 "Joe Wright", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

