



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the 2013 Miss Black Tennessee USA Pageant will take place in the City of Chattanooga on December 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Black Tennessee USA Pageant is the official state preliminary to the Miss Black USA Pageant, Miss Black USA, Inc. founded in 1986 by Karen Arrington; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Black Tennessee USA Pageant aims to provide educational opportunities to outstanding young women of color and to develop the "whole woman - mind, body, and spirit;" and

WHEREAS, the Miss Black Tennessee USA Pageant celebrates scholastic achievement, believes that education is the key to lifelong success and empowerment, and promotes education and leadership by providing scholarships opportunities to its winners;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 25 - December 1, 2012, as

MISS BLACK TENNESSEE 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 24th day of October, 2012.



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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeff Bryant".

Secretary of State