



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the week of November 11-17, 2012, has been designated as Geography Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the world is increasingly interconnected, but too many students lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our country's borders; and

**WHEREAS**, Geography Awareness Week promotes geo-literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a twenty-first century education, and has been a congressionally-mandated week since 1987; and

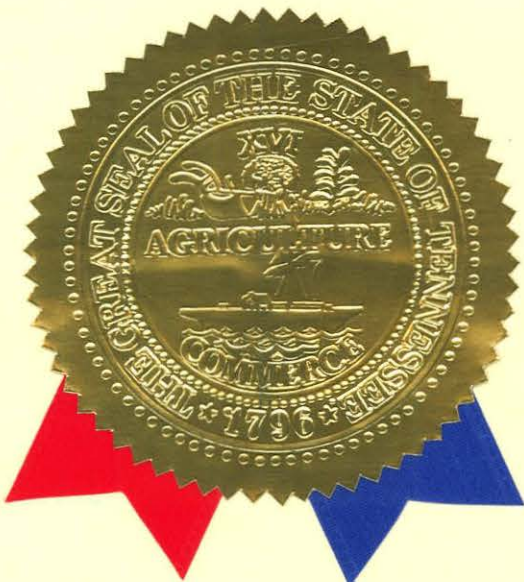
**WHEREAS**, teachers, students, and communities across Tennessee will gain further understanding about how our world is made up of interconnected human and natural systems using resources developed by the National Geographic Society and other committed organizations during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-17, 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".

Governor

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

Secretary of State