



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the strength of economic growth throughout the history of our nation is tied directly to the success of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, our nation, and society in general, have benefited greatly from everyday use of once radical, breakthrough innovations developed and brought to market by entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurial firms are a critical component to the spread of economic stability throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of students on American campuses today intend to start a venture at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, finding the path to success is defined by an individual's ability to turn their ideas into reality; and

WHEREAS, in today's connected world, opportunities to make an impact are no longer constrained by outdated barriers of where one lives or how much experience one has; and

WHEREAS, thousands of organizations in the United States will join in the celebration by planning activities designed to inspire, connect, inform, mentor and engage the next generation of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, scores of countries are joining together to carry the banner of "Global Entrepreneurship Week" and host activities to promote entrepreneurship in their own countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2012 as

ENTREPRENEURSHIP 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 9th day of November, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Mangott", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

