



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee recognize the sacrifice of the members of our armed services and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom; and

WHEREAS, we remember the families who have lost their loved ones in combat; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Franklin Namon "Frankie" Watson is a resident of Monroe County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Watson is a 2008 graduate of Sequoyah High School in Madisonville, Tennessee, where he was a member of the football team; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Watson studied criminal justice at Cleveland State Community College; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Lance Corporal Watson served as a deputy for the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and a police officer of the Madisonville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Watson joined the United States Marine Corps in July 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Watson served with Company D, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Watson deployed on his first tour of duty with the United States Marine Corps in August 2011; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Franklin Namon "Frankie" Watson died in the line of duty on September 24, 2011, while conducting patrol in Helmand province, Afghanistan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2011, as a Day of Mourning in Tennessee in remembrance of Lance Corporal Franklin Namon "Frankie" Watson, and encourage all citizens to join me in this solemn 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 30th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State