



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Rocky Top Hummin' and Strummin' BBQ Cook-Off will be an annual event in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the West Knoxville Rotary Club is a non-profit organization open to all, and dedicated to furthering the art of Hardwood Smoking through public education; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Top Hummin' and Strummin' BBQ Cook-Off is a sanctioned event of the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS), and as such will draw contestants from all over the State of Tennessee, as well as several other states each year to participate in the event; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Champion of the Rocky Top Hummin' and Strummin' BBQ Cook-Off will receive an invitation to the American Royal Barbeque cook-off;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby recognize the

ROCKY TOP HUMMIN' AND STRUMMIN' BBQ COOK-OFF

as an official State Barbeque Championship.

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 fourteenth day of January, 2013.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Haslam', written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lucretia Hargrett', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State