



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, February 7, 2013, marks a historical remembrance of a series of earthquakes and aftershocks in 1811 and 1812 that changed forever the geographic landscape of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, natural disasters around the world remind us that Tennessee could face a catastrophic disaster on any day; and

WHEREAS, earthquakes present a constant threat of damage and loss of life to Tennesseans, and preparation and awareness of the dangers by the public may help mitigate losses; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2013, at 10:15 a.m., Tennesseans are asked to participate in the Great Central U.S. Shake Out, a voluntary earthquake exercise, by practicing the "Drop, Cover & Hold" technique that could help prevent injury during an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the West Tennessee Seismic Safety Commission, the University of Memphis Center for Earthquake Research and Information, the Mid-South Association of Contingency Planners, and many other groups and individuals are joining in this campaign to promote earthquake awareness and safety for all Tennesseans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 3 - 9, 2013, as

EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS 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 first day of February, 2013.



A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, the Governor of Tennessee, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Regerth, the Secretary of State of Tennessee, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State