



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, every year Tennesseans face severe weather threats from flash floods, flooding, hailstorms, lightning, thunderstorms and tornadoes; and

**WHEREAS**, severe weather cannot be controlled and is a danger to life, health and property; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and education about the threat of severe weather is necessary to help every Tennessean prepare to protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, local, state and federal departments and agencies, along with elected leaders, news media, professional associations and volunteers, are committed to informing and educating all Tennesseans about severe weather preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has launched the ReadyTN smartphone application as tool to help Tennesseans learn the importance of preparedness and to have situational awareness about the threats around them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service offices in Tennessee and the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters are joining together in an annual campaign to promote weather awareness and safety for all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned agencies, and numerous other partners, have updated and implemented an Emergency Alert System plan for the entire state to warn people in times of emergencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 17 - 23, 2013, as

## SEVERE WEATHER 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 fourth 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 Hargett, the Secretary of State of Tennessee, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State