



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, mediation in Tennessee continues to grow and assist citizens and the courts in alternative dispute resolution; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 was enacted in January 1996 to establish court-based alternative dispute resolution on a statewide basis; and

WHEREAS, as a result of promulgation of Rule 31, there are now more than 1,000 Rule 31 mediators in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly and the Administrative Office of the Courts support twelve state-funded Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) centers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee wishes to acknowledge the contribution of mediation and encourage its further growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2013, as

MEDIATION DAY

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Lee Duggett', written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State