



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA), known now as The Barbershop Harmony Society, was officially organized April 11, 1938, in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, what began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world's largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close harmony singing groups; and

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony amongst all people through the universal language of music; and

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America; and

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to sustaining and preserving an American tradition – the barbershop quartet; and

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society promotes musical education through music scholarships and other means, and supports charitable foundations; and

WHEREAS, Barbershoppers are often engaged in civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2013, as

Barbershop Harmony 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 seventh day of February, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Kingett

Secretary of State