



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the United States has been at the forefront of civil and human rights of individuals since its inception; and

WHEREAS, business and industry, labor and community leaders have called for a diverse and capable work force to propel our economy into this century; and

WHEREAS, the skills and contributions of our 54 million residents with disabilities strengthen and energize our economy; and

WHEREAS, we as a nation and state value and nurture the talent and potential of every individual; and

WHEREAS, by joint resolution, Congress has designated October of each year as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and has called upon state and local governments to join in the national observance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

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 29th day of September, 2011.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Ruggatt in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State