



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a serious national public health epidemic affecting more than 1.7 million Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, brain injury claims more than 50,000 lives and leaves more than 80,000 individuals with lifelong disabilities each year; and

WHEREAS, brain injury is a contributing factor to almost one-third (30.5%) of all injury related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year in Tennessee, approximately 8,000 people are admitted to the hospital with a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, a concussion is a brain injury in which recognition and proper response can help prevent further injury and even death; and

WHEREAS, prevention is the only known cure; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Brain Injury Association of Tennessee is to improve the quality of life for persons with brain injury and their families and to reduce the incidence of brain injury; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Brain Injury Association of America and the Brain Injury Association of Tennessee strive to increase awareness of brain injury, thus making prevention and safety measures part of the American culture in an effort to decrease the number of brain injuries;

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

Traumatic Brain Injury 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 eighth day of February, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Ruggitt

Secretary of State