



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, bullying can be physical, verbal, or emotional and is intentional harm that unnecessarily hurts a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying may occur anywhere, not only in public places but also through social media, such as Facebook and Twitter; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, victims of bullying are highly likely to suffer from physical, emotional, and learning problems, and often fear activities such as going to school, making new friends, and attending community events; and

WHEREAS, bullies often continue violent behaviors into their future; and

WHEREAS, witnesses of bullying often feel insecure, afraid, and intimidated; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Pinky Promise Against Bullying Day strives to encourage citizens to become aware of the prevalent issue of bullying, become active participants against bullying, and paint your pinky nail blue to show that you are more than a bystander to bullying;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013, as

Pinky Promise Against Bullying 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 twenty-second day of February, 2013.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State