



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the American Veterinary Medical Association was founded in 1863 as the U.S. Veterinary Medical Association in New York City, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, 2013 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of organized veterinary medicine in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect our state's citizens such as salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever and malaria; and

**WHEREAS**, veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases and scientific research; and

**WHEREAS**, veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints and arthroscopy; and

**WHEREAS**, veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of our nation's national herd and food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, military veterinarians provide crucial support to our nation's military and assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support to animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, colleagues from around the world will join veterinarians in the United States to celebrate this occasion;

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

*Sesquicentennial Year of the Veterinarian*

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 March, 2013.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State