



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, The Elephant Sanctuary provides a haven for sick or needy elephants retired from zoos and circuses in a natural habitat refuge; and

**WHEREAS**, the public is being educated about the welfare of all species of elephants in captivity as well as in the wild; and

**WHEREAS**, The Elephant Sanctuary is an established non-profit organization that recognizes the importance of providing for these highly intelligent and very social creatures; and

**WHEREAS**, The Elephant Sanctuary continually sets and reaches goals to better the lives of all elephants worldwide;

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

**ELEPHANT 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 27th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State