



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week is an annual national celebration in recognition of the contributions made by minority businesses to the nation's economy, and this year will mark the 29th Annual National MEDWeek celebration, and

WHEREAS, each year since 1983, the President of the United States has signed a Proclamation designating a week in recognition of the contributions made by minority businesses; and

WHEREAS, National MEDWeek is the largest Federal advocacy and education activity sponsored on behalf of minority business enterprise, providing a forum for; and

- articulating the Administration's position in support of minority business development,
- interacting among corporate America, Federal, state and local governments, minority-owned businesses and other private-sector entities to identify potential business opportunities and forge new partnerships in support of minority business development,
- sharing and acknowledging successes and other business-enhancing experiences; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development jointly sponsor National MEDWeek; and

WHEREAS, activities are held throughout the country under the auspices of MBDA's and SBA's regional and district offices and network of funded organizations culminating in the National Conference held in Washington, D.C. to promote and recognize the achievements of minority-owned businesses and the significant contributions of major corporations to minority business growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 1-9, 2011, as

MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

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