



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the #2 crime in America and projected to be #1 by 2012; and

WHEREAS, 32 billion dollars are generated annually worldwide and projected to be 40 billion by 2012 by human traffickers; and

WHEREAS, youth of all ages are affected by human sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the average age of a sex trafficked victim is 12 to 14; and

WHEREAS, human sex trafficking occurs in both suburban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the recent Tennessee Bureau of Investigations report revealed about 4,000 known victims of human sex trafficking in the previous 12 months in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, there are likely many more than those known victims who have not been reported; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50% of those known victims are under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, the well being of our youth as the next generation of Tennessee's leaders, legislators, parents, business men/women is crucial; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching, Tennessee teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers many times are first responders to their students problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim the second week in November 2011 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS 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.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Mangat in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State