



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol; and

WHEREAS, high school students who use alcohol or other illegal substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and

WHEREAS, teen alcohol use kills about 5,000 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined; and

WHEREAS, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and

WHEREAS, PowerTalk 21 Day is set aside to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2013, as

PowerTalk 21 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 fifteenth day of April, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State