



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education has declared November 14-18, 2011 as International Education Week; and

WHEREAS, long-term economic growth for our State and Country can be aided through lasting, mutually beneficial relationships with other countries; and

WHEREAS, international corporations may bring enormous potential for establishing Tennessee as the highest-ranked southeastern state for high quality jobs; and

WHEREAS, schools containing both U.S. and international students have the benefit of diversifying the classroom and engaging all students in intercultural learning to each other's benefit; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee seeks to successfully capitalize on the momentum currently existing in education to reform and innovate instruction and systems to erase needless boundaries between races, ethnicities, citizenships, beliefs, and values; and

WHEREAS, continuing the movement to internationalize campuses and schools can help students succeed at higher levels through developing cross-cultural friendships, while learning about global geographies, histories, economies, ideologies, and languages; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is committed to preparing Tennesseans for a competitive 21st century economy, having a sound understanding of global models as a result of studies and research conducted abroad by U.S. study abroad students who return to Tennessee ready to join the workforce; and

WHEREAS, students who study in other countries can be more prepared for the transitional period between high school, post-secondary education or training, and the global workforce as a result of the benefit afforded them through multi-cultural transitions while in school; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is committed to steering our people to a healthy and meaningful competition in our global economy, attracting the jobs of the future to Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, do hereby declare November 14-18, 2011 as

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 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