



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs - RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents - have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS, each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 6,300 in Tennessee, to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide; and

WHEREAS, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and

WHEREAS, service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged, helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 5-11, 2013, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5-11, 2013 as

Senior Corps 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 nineteenth day of April, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Julie Haydt in blue ink.

Secretary of State

