



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a healthy and safe environment is important for school children and staff; and

WHEREAS, children, parents, teachers and other educators throughout the nation join together to observe National Healthy Schools Day on April 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote policies that protect and enhance healthy learning environments for children through indoor air and environmental quality management, and to implement guidelines to prevent or resolve indoor air quality problems in public school facilities; and

WHEREAS, children, on average, spend more than 30 hours per week in school; and

WHEREAS, children are more vulnerable to environmental hazards as they proportionally breathe more air, drink more fluids, and eat more food than adults, and their developing systems and behaviors contribute to their increased vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, new or renovated healthy and high performance schools designed to improve indoor air and environmental quality may reduce energy and maintenance costs, providing a healthier and safer learning environment for all children through cleaner air, improved lighting, and reduced exposures to toxic substances, leading to improved attendance, academic achievement, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, our schools are building blocks of our communities and our children are our future; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, local, and private sector entities should work together to ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently to address the health and safety conditions of schools; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2013, National Healthy Schools Day will be observed by communities throughout the country to highlight the need for improved attention and protection of environmental health at school;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2013, as

Healthy Schools 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 nineteenth day of April, 2013.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jo Berg".

Secretary of State