



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, lives of fathers, husbands, children and other family members are severely impacted upon the loss of loved ones who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the military of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the devastating heartache and pain of losing a loved one while in the service of our Country makes adjustment a very difficult task as the family members resume their daily lives, encumbered with various challenging circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, only memories of their loved ones remain to bring peace and comfort to fill the void left by their absence; and

**WHEREAS**, family members steadfastly supported our nation while playing a vital role of support in the commitment, readiness and well-being of their loved ones who served in our United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, traditionally, Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Wives are deservedly recognized and honored throughout our Nation on their special remembrance days; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also essential that we gather around all family members who have lost loved ones in our military services to show our compassion, offer assistance with seemingly insurmountable issues, give hope to help mend their broken hearts, and inspire them to strive for courage and strength to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, while we remember our Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Soldiers who served and died for our freedom, let us remember and pay tribute to the fathers, husbands, children and other family members left behind who also paid an immeasurable price;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2013, as

## *Gold Star Family 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 twenty-ninth day of April, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Lee Hargett, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State