



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spousal support for the readiness and well-being of military members and in 1984 proclaimed a national day of observance to demonstrate honor and appreciation to military spouses; and

**WHEREAS**, on the Friday before Mother's Day each year, our nation joins together to observe Military Spouse Day and show our appreciation to our service members by demonstrating a commitment to reach out to their spouses and family members in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, military spouses serve our country with quiet courage while bearing the burdens of keeping families and households together each day while loved ones are away serving our country around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that we show our steadfast commitment and appreciation for our military spouses as they face unique challenges on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, we should all actively reach out to support, encourage and assist our nation's military spouses to meet these daily challenges while they embrace their loved ones with pride, dignity, courage and strength; and

**WHEREAS**, in doing so, we honor all the men and women in uniform and their families who serve in their own special ways;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013, as

## *Military Spouse 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 Jeff Hays, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

