



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Natchez Trace Parkway preserves sites important to the early history of Tennessee, including the grave of explorer Meriwether Lewis and the home of Captain John Gordon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchez Trace Parkway preserves and interprets sites associated with the marches of Andrew Jackson and the Tennessee Volunteers in the War of 1812 in their defense of the nation against invasion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchez Trace Parkway provides recreational opportunities for the citizens of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the scenic beauty of the natural environment the parkway preserves draws visitors from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchez Trace Parkway has become the seventh most-visited national park unit, adding important revenue to the Tennessee economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee congratulates the Natchez Trace Parkway on celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013, as the

## *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Natchez Trace Parkway*

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 first day of May, 2013.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Scott W. Pruitt in blue ink.

Secretary of State