



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the people of Tennessee are its greatest asset and their quality of life is of great importance; and

**WHEREAS**, enjoying the Volunteer State's expansive system of waterways is an activity enjoyed annually by millions of Tennesseans, but is sometimes marred by tragedy through drowning in a preventable boating accident; and

**WHEREAS**, that same concern is found on a national level where falls overboard and capsizing deaths could be greatly reduced by wearing a life jacket; and

**WHEREAS**, the new generation of life jackets are comfortable, cooler, and provide greater flotation; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee has been selected as the focus state for the national WEAR-IT campaign which encourages boaters to wear a life jacket; and

**WHEREAS**, May 18-24, 2013, is designated as National Safe Boating Week and will coincide with the kick-off of the WEAR-IT TENNESSEE campaign;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2013, as

*Safe Boating 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 eighth day of May, 2013.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

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Secretary of State