



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has remained dedicated to staying connected to all communities; and

WHEREAS, bullying is considered aggressive behavior involving unwanted, negative actions, repeated behavior over time, and an imbalance of strength; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in five students in an average classroom is experiencing bullying in some way, with the rest of the students as affected bystanders; and

WHEREAS, as many as one million kids are bullied every week, and each year 20 children commit suicide because they are being bullied;

WHEREAS, No Bully Here Day fosters the importance of brotherhood, friendship, and togetherness by building coalitions and strengthening bonds on the basic principles of unity and friendship, and this coalition will be instrumental in moving us one step closer towards achieving solutions that strengthen the spirit of cooperation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2011 as

NO BULLY HERE 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 23rd day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State