



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, home ownership has long been a foundation of the American Dream and generations of Tennesseans have worked hard and saved so that they might enjoy the sense of stability and pride of owning their own home; and

WHEREAS, home ownership strengthens families, encourages personal responsibility and motivates residents to take an active role in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Housing Act, which President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law in June of 1934, made home ownership available to millions of families who previously could not have afforded to buy their own homes; and

WHEREAS, a commitment to home ownership stimulates construction and related industries, creates jobs, and enhances prosperity in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, low interest rates continue to enable more Tennesseans to become first-time homeowners; and

WHEREAS, developers, lenders, realtors, nonprofit counselors and government agencies work together in promoting and preserving home ownership opportunities for the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, home ownership continues to be one of the most significant strategies for families to build wealth and strengthens communities by providing economic benefits to neighborhoods and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's loan programs helped provide the dream of home ownership to 2,130 individuals/families in Tennessee in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency helped to provide safe, affordable housing to 965 families through its Housing Trust Fund in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's Keep My Tennessee Home and Foreclosure Prevention programs helped 3,824 home owners in preventing foreclosure and mitigating the impact of foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Home Ownership Month provides an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to homeownership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2013, as

Home Ownership Month

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 seventeenth day of May, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Berges in blue ink.

Secretary of State

