



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month was established by an Act of Congress in 1968 to acknowledge the many contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, those contributions go back to the early days of our nation and our state, as Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, born in Knox County, the first Admiral of the United States, was the son of Jorge Farragut, originally from Spain, who had fought in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, today, our state has a vibrant and growing Latino community, which greatly adds to the richness and cultural diversity of our area; and

WHEREAS, between September 15 and October 15, various local celebrations will take place in the different cities and towns of Tennessee, such as festivals, art exhibits, and cultural events where all Tennesseans are invited to join; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding efforts of organizations like HoLa Hora Latina and other community groups around our state promote cultural awareness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim of September 15 - October 15, 2013 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in the worthy observance.

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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 twelfth day of August, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lucretia Ferguson in blue ink.

Secretary of State