



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the safety of all Tennesseans is one of the most important responsibilities of state government; and

WHEREAS, security of all Tennesseans requires a comprehensive approach of government, industry and citizens working together; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to use all resources to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from disasters within the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is important to educate, train, organize, and utilize our citizenry within emergency preparedness efforts across the State; and

WHEREAS, in times of large disasters our first responders may not be able to assist our citizenry immediately; and

WHEREAS, our citizenry may have to rely upon themselves, their family, their friends, and their neighbors until professional help arrives; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Tennessee Citizen Corps and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, it is our obligation to encourage Tennesseans to: 1) be ready, 2) make an emergency kit, 3) make an emergency plan, and 4) get involved; and

WHEREAS, September is designated as National Preparedness Month; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is holding several events throughout the State;

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

Preparedness 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 fifteenth day of August, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Jo Taylor

Secretary of State