



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS,** The Elephant Sanctuary provides a haven for Asian and African elephants retired from zoos and circuses in a natural habitat refuge; and

**WHEREAS,** the public is being educated about the welfare of all species of elephants in captivity as well as in the wild; and

**WHEREAS,** The Elephant Sanctuary is an established non-profit organization that recognizes the importance of providing for these highly intelligent and very social creatures; and

**WHEREAS,** The Elephant Sanctuary continually sets and reaches goals to better the lives of all elephants worldwide;

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

## *Elephant Awareness 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 thirtieth day of August, 2013.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Wright in blue ink.

Secretary of State