



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, More than 43,000 people are killed each year in crashes on American highways and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Many of these fatal car crashes may be avoided by simply exercising patience, caution and awareness on the roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Drivers should prepare themselves for the unpredictable behaviors other drivers, disabled vehicles, spilled cargo, adverse weather conditions and many other potential dangers that they may encounter on roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, It is always important for drivers to focus on driving, eliminate distractions, maintain safe speeds and drive defensively to avoid preventable accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, Many individuals and organizations in Tennessee are working to increase awareness of the need for driver safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sunday after the Thanksgiving holiday is traditionally the busiest highway travel day of the year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, proclaim December 1, 2013 as

*Drive Safer Sunday*

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 fifth day of September, 2013.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*John R. Hargett*

Secretary of State