



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee veterans have fought to defend our nation's freedom and provide hope for those who strive to achieve the quality and fullness of our American way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, as an increasing number of veterans are returning home from present conflicts, the work to help them regain their lives becomes increasingly important; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the heroic efforts of American service men and women as they transition back to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, now that their service is over, and our heroes are returning home with scars and wounds of war, it is our collective duty to open doors to help them achieve a high quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, a community of heroes in Tennessee volunteers their time to help veterans as they transition back to civilian life;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as

## *DAV Community of Heroes Week*

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 ninth day of September, 2013.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Rye in blue ink.

Secretary of State