



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Military Family Appreciation Month was established in 1993 by the Armed Services YMCA, with the U.S. Government and others recognizing the occasion every year since; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout Tennessee's history, courageous military men and women of the Volunteer State have banded together to fight for the freedoms we cherish and to defend our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, behind each member of the military stands a parent, grandparent, a sibling, a child, a spouse, all of whom are proud family members that share the weight of deployment and make profound sacrifices on behalf of our Nation and Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, though we cannot repay the debt of gratitude owed to these men, women, and their families, during Military Family Appreciation Month, we honor our military families and recommit to showing them the fullest care and respect of a grateful Tennessee;

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

## *Military Family Appreciation 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 October, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State