



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, an Act originally approved on May 13, 1938 made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday; a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day"; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor Veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of that legislation on June 1, 1954, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, to honor American Veterans of all wars; and

WHEREAS, that same year President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation which requested that every November 11th be observed to "let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain"; and

WHEREAS, the annual recognition of Veterans Day serves as a reminder of the selfless dedication and overwhelming sacrifice of our men and women who served in uniform who courageously defend and preserve our freedom; and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 22 million living United States military Veterans; and approximately one-half million veterans reside in the great state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as we reflect upon the exceptional contributions of our Veterans, we must pay tribute with pride and gratitude and be forever indebted to them for their tireless efforts to ensure our Nation's freedom and peace; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2013 as

Veterans Day

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 twenty-seventh day of September, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Rye, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

