



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the week of November 17-23, 2013, has been designated as Geography Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the world is increasingly interconnected and students need an understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our country's borders; and

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week promotes geo-literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a twenty-first century education, and has been a congressionally-mandated week since 1987; and

WHEREAS, teachers, students, and communities across Tennessee will gain further understanding about how our world is made up of interconnected human and natural systems using resources developed by the National Geographic Society and other committed organizations during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17-23, 2013 as

Geography Awareness 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 third day of October, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Kergett in blue ink.

Secretary of State