



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the opportunities of America make our land a beacon of hope for people from every corner of the world; and

WHEREAS, America's minority-owned businesses contribute greatly to our economy and the richness of our country; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is committed to fostering an environment where everyone can attain the American dream; and

WHEREAS, business owners are working hard to achieve their goals and extend the promise of America to their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, these businesses and their employees are vital contributors to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, originally initiated by a Proclamation from President Ronald Reagan in 1983, Minority Enterprise Development Week commemorates the contribution of Tennessee's minority entrepreneurs and firms as vital to our economic strength and an essential part of our national heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 1 through November 17, 2013 as

Minority Enterprise Development Weeks

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 first day of October, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee R. West in blue ink.

Secretary of State