



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, The Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways was constructed as a means to provide high-quality jobs, to improve transportation of people and goods, to serve the American people in the national interest and continue to be instrumental in the movement of the economy; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 40 is a transcontinental highway that runs 2,555 miles across the United States and through eight states; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has more miles of Interstate 40 within its boundaries than any other state with 455 miles; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 40 provides access to 24 Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, Last year, just over five percent of all traffic fatalities occurred on the 455 miles of the Interstate 40 corridor in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina are responsible for regulating traffic on Interstate 40; and

WHEREAS, Because Interstate 40 is a major national traffic corridor and Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel holiday periods, a nationwide focus on traffic safety can have a substantial impact on the safety of the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, The "Interstate 40 Challenge: The Road to Zero" was conceived in response to significant increase in traffic on Interstate 40 on the Wednesday prior to and the Sunday following Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and seven states along the Interstate 40 corridor will conduct enforcement of life-saving traffic safety laws for the Interstate 40 Challenge this Thanksgiving:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 27 through December 1, 2013, as

The I-40 Challenge: The Road to Zero Weekend

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 eighth day of October, 2013.

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

Governor

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

Secretary of State