



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States, representing more than 99 percent of American companies, creating two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generating half of the private sector gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ half of all private sector workers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the majority of U.S. Consumers agree that it is important to support the small businesses they value in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the majority of U.S. Consumers are willing to support a "Buy Local" small business initiative like Small Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our economy, and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS, residents of our state are being asked to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee do hereby proclaim November 30, 2013, as

Small Business Saturday

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 seventh day of November, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State