



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Forestry Association (TFA) is celebrating 60th anniversary in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the TFA represents both forest industry and forest landowners and many other related interests throughout every county in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, TFA was begun by a group of landowners in 1951 concerned about the devastating forest fires that ravaged Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, initially, the organization was the Keep Tennessee Green Association with members advocating in support of the Governor and Tennessee Legislature's efforts to create the Tennessee Division of Forestry; and

**WHEREAS**, 1963, a broader group of forest industries and landowners re-charted the b Keep Tennessee Green organization as the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Tennessee Forestry Association, the organization has grown to its present membership of over 2,300 sawmills, secondary wood manufacturers, pulp & paper mills, loggers, corporate and private landowners, consultants, foresters and many other companies and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, priority programs within the Tennessee Forestry Association include:

- Government Relations on both the State and Federal Levels,
- Communications Within the Membership, General Public & Media,
- Sponsoring the Tennessee Master Logger Continuing Education Program,
- Coordinating with the TN Dept. of Agriculture/Division of Forestry and University of Tennessee Extension Service to Support Landowner Programs such as Tennessee Tree Farm, County Forestry Associations & Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods,
- Support the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Certification Standard,
- Sponsor the Project Learning Tree Environmental Education Program and Two Annual Week-Long Teacher Conservation Workshops,
- Promote Education and Networking through Regional Membership Meetings,
- Sponsor and Endorse Workers Compensation & Other Insurance Programs that Focus on Safety and Claims Management in a Cost Effective Manner,
- Recognize and Award Loggers, Landowners and Other Individuals who are Dedicated to the Sustainable Growth and Production of our Renewable Forest Resources,
- Membership Support for Log a Load for Kids Raising Much-Needed Funding For Tennessee's Children's Miracle Network Hospitals,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2011, as

## TENNESSEE FORESTRY DAY



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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 26th day of September, 2011.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Mangit", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State