



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons was established in 1964 and is an international not-for-profit organization representing more than 6,600 cardiothoracic surgeons, researchers, and other health care professionals who are part of the cardiothoracic surgery team; and

WHEREAS, a cardiothoracic surgeon is a physician who performs operations on the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest; and

WHEREAS, the Society's mission is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education research, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Society offers continuing medical education, leads initiatives for quality improvement and patient safety via the STS National Database, produces an esteemed scientific journal â The Annals of Thoracic Surgery, supports cardiothoracic surgery research initiatives, and advocates on behalf of patients, among other activities; and

WHEREAS, the observance of the 50th Anniversary of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons provides a special occasion to express our appreciation and gratitude to cardiothoracic surgeons for their hard work and dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2014 as

Thoracic Surgeon Day

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 twentieth day of November, 2013.



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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sue Vignett".

Secretary of State