



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, approximately 32,200 elderly and disabled nursing home patients depend on skilled caregivers to enhance their abilities rather than their disabilities while providing comprehensive care that upholds their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, approximately 37,200 Tennessee nursing home caregivers provide 24-hour care to those who are chronically ill or injured and are unable to function independently; and

WHEREAS, member nursing homes of the Tennessee Health Care Association (THCA) are providing special recognition of their employees in celebration of Nursing Home Caregiver Appreciation Day in Tennessee through the program "A Rare Treasure";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim, November 18, 2011, as

NURSING HOME CAREGIVER APPRECIATION 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 7th day of October, 2011.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Rye in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State