



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, consumer identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America today; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are not immune to this type of crime and many have already been affected by it; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans have their identities stolen every year; and

WHEREAS, identity thefts cost consumers and businesses tens of millions of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that victims of identity theft lose on average almost \$2,000 and spend hours repairing damage to their good name and credit record; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive understanding of how to prevent Identity Theft is vital for Tennessee's consumers to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS, Consumer Credit Counseling Service is a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), the organization coordinating National Protect Your Identity Week, to promote awareness and to educate consumers on ways to prevent and protect themselves against Identity Theft; and

WHEREAS, this work is worthy of support and cooperation for the benefit of Tennessee's consumers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16th to the 22nd as National Protect Your Identity Week throughout the State of Tennessee.

NATIONAL PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY WEEK

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.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State