



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the quality and safety of healthcare in the United States of America is of vital importance to all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennesseans desire and deserve appropriate, safe, effective, affordable, compassionate, and high quality of healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare quality professionals play a key role in the design, implementation, measurement, and continuous improvement of quality and safety initiatives that benefit patients and communities throughout the nation and our state; and

**WHEREAS**, responsibility for the quality of this country's healthcare rests in part with the healthcare quality professional; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare quality professionals are increasing their commitment and role in providing the highest quality of patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association for Healthcare Quality has established a special week to recognize and celebrate the efforts of healthcare quality professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Association for Healthcare Quality has shown a commitment to support and recognize the healthcare quality professionals in our state and this initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee also wishes to acknowledge this special week in recognition of the invaluable contributions of Tennessee's healthcare quality professional;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2011 as

## HEALTHCARE QUALITY 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 the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State