



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan established the first Military Spouse Day, in which he proclaimed “the profound importance of spouse commitment to the readiness and well-being of service members”; and

WHEREAS, from the early days of the Continental Army to present, the spouses of our service members have, with great courage and sacrifice, endured personal hardships while their loved one is defending freedom’s cause; and

WHEREAS, on the Friday before Mother’s Day each year, our nation joins together to honor the commitment spouses have made and show gratitude for their deep devotion and steadfast support; and

WHEREAS, the security of our nation could not be wholly complete if our Armed Forces were not fortified with the prayers, encouragement and love to those standing to defend our liberty; and

WHEREAS, we must thank these extraordinary Americans by actively reaching out to welcome them into our communities and offer friendship and support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 9, 2014 as

Military Spouse 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 sixth day of March, 2014.

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

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Vignati".

Secretary of State