



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee recognize the sacrifice of the members of our armed services and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom; and

WHEREAS, we remember the families who have lost their loved ones in combat; and

WHEREAS, Joshua S. Lawrence was born in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Lawrence attended Rosebank Elementary, and is a 2000 graduate of Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Lawrence majored in Political Science at Austin Peay State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Lawrence enlisted in the United States Army in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Lawrence served two tours in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Lawrence deployed to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Lawrence is a highly decorated soldier, earning the rank of Captain, and having been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Korea Defense Service Medal; and


WHEREAS, Captain Joshua S. Lawrence died in the line of duty on October 9, 2011, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Captain Joshua S. Lawrence is survived by his wife, mother, and brother;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim October 21, 2011, as a Day of Mourning in Tennessee in remembrance of Captain Joshua S. Lawrence, and encourage all citizens to join me in this solemn 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 18th day of October, 2011.





Governor



Secretary of State