



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Tennessee join all citizens of the United States on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the Two-Thousand Eleventh year to honor our nation's veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, we have observed this date as a national holiday since 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the U.S. Congress officially recognized the service and sacrifice of all veterans of the United States military services; and

**WHEREAS**, with grateful hearts and solemn remembrance, we pay tribute to the men and women who bravely wore the uniform of the United States of America and risked their lives in defense of our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, today there are more than one-half million veterans in the State of Tennessee who answered the call to serve this great nation to protect and preserve our personal freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, we are forever indebted to our heroes who have served and sacrificed; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and honor the contributions our Veterans have made to the cause of peace and freedom for our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2011 as

## VETERANS 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 3rd day of November, 2011.

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

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Hargett in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State