



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the strength of economic growth throughout the history of our nation is tied directly to the success of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, our nation and society, in general, have benefited greatly from everyday use of once radical, breakthrough innovations developed and brought to market by entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurial firms are a critical component to the spread of economic stability throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of students on American campuses today say they intend to start a venture at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, finding the path to success is defined by an individual's ability to turn their ideas into reality; and

WHEREAS, in today's connected world, opportunities to make an impact are no long or constrained by outdated barriers of where one lives or how much experience one has; and

WHEREAS, thousands of organizations in the United States will join in the celebration by planning activities designed to inspire, connect, inform, mentor and engage the next generation of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, scores of countries are joining together to carry the banner of "Global Entrepreneurship Week" and host activities to promote entrepreneurship in their own countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2011 as

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 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 2nd day of November, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State