



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the world is increasingly interconnected and interdependent, but too many students lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our country's borders; and

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week promotes geo-literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21st century education, and has been a congressionally-mandated week since 1987, and

WHEREAS, teachers, students, and communities across Tennessee will gain further understanding about how our world is made up of interconnected human and natural systems, with special emphasis this year on the 2011 theme of "community geography," using resources developed by the National Geographic Society and other committed organizations during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Haslam do hereby proclaim November 13–18, 2011

## **GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS 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