



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the people of Tennessee recognize that the needs of children and their families are of critical importance and that Youth Villages is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting these needs and helping troubled children and families live successfully for the last 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 55,000 children and their families in Tennessee have been served by Youth Villages since 1986 through intensive in-home services, residential treatment, foster care, adoption, mentoring and transitional living services; and

**WHEREAS**, Youth Villages employs more than 1500 people in the state of Tennessee and began their operations in Tennessee in 1986 and has since grown to serve more than 12 states in the United States and Washington D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day, Youth Villages remains true to its mission and is one of the largest organizations dedicated to meeting the needs of troubled children and ensuring that there is joy in their lives each day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2011, as

## YOUTH VILLAGES 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 2nd day of November, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State