



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, 2012-2013 marks the sesquicentennial of the Vicksburg Campaign of the American Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vicksburg Campaign is considered by many historians to be the most decisive campaign of that war, and one of the more decisive ever waged in American military history; and

**WHEREAS**, in testament thereof, the United States Congress established the battlefield at Vicksburg as a national military park in 1899; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee was represented during the Vicksburg Campaign by the gallant officers and men who comprised 19 Infantry Regiments: the 3<sup>rd</sup> TN Volunteers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Provisional Army, 10<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 61<sup>st</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Infantry Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, and Artillery Batteries (A, B, C, and D Artillery Batteries, 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy, Johnston's Battery, Lynch's Battery, Tobin's Battery, and Mebane's Battery); and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of their service, on June 29, 1996, the State of Tennessee erected a memorial on the grounds of Vicksburg National Military Park, which is known as the "art park of the world;" and

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 1996, Tennesseans dedicated the State's memorial as a tribute to the courage and service of her noble sons and the sacrifices made by their families and communities throughout the State;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2013, as

*Tennessee Day at Vicksburg National  
Military Park*

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 fifth day of March, 2013.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Vargatt*

Secretary of State