



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 3rd TN Volunteers, 3rd Provisional Army, 10th, 30th, 31st, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 46th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 53rd, 55th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 1st Battalion Infantry Regiment, 7th Cavalry, and Artillery Batteries (A, B, C, and D Artillery Batteries, 1st 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