



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, school social workers in the State of Tennessee and across the nation serve as vital members of the educational team, playing a central role in creating a positive school climate and vital partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success; and

WHEREAS, school social workers are skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for local school districts and local educational agencies to address services offered by school social workers to address students' emotional, physical, and environmental needs so that students may achieve academic success; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of "School Choice Week" highlights the vital role school social workers play in the lives of students and families in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of March 3-9, 2013, as

School Social Work 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 fifth day of March, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Mangatt", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

