



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the people of Tennessee recognize the sacrifice of the members of our armed services and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, we remember the families who have lost their loved ones in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis Murray is from Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis Murray is a 1991 graduate of Hermitage Springs School; and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis Murray enlisted in the United States Army in September 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis Murray was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis Murray deployed to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis Murray is a highly decorated soldier, having been awarded the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant First Class Dennis R. Murray died in the line of duty on November 21, 2011, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant First Class Dennis R. Murray is survived by his wife, mother, son, daughter, and step children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim December 5, 2011, as a Day of Mourning in Tennessee in remembrance of Sergeant First Class Dennis R. Murray, and encourage all citizens to join me in this solemn 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 December, 2011.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State