



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the safety of all Tennesseans is among the most important responsibilities of state government; and

**WHEREAS**, security of all Tennesseans requires government, industry and citizens working together; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to use all resources to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from all disasters within the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to educate, train, organize and utilize our citizenry within emergency preparedness efforts across the State; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of large disasters, our first responders may need additional time to respond; and

**WHEREAS**, our citizenry may have to rely upon themselves, their family, their friends, and their neighbors until professional help arrives; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with Tennessee Citizen Corps and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, it is our obligation to encourage Tennesseans to: 1) be ready, 2) make an emergency kit, 3) make an emergency plan, 4) get involved; and

**WHEREAS**, September is designated as National Preparedness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is launching various initiatives throughout the State;

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

## PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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 1st day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State