



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are conditions which affect more than seven million Americans and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Tennessee is the state's leading volunteer-based organization advocating for and with people with developmental disabilities and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim March 2012 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS 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 March, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State