



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is a leading cause of illness and death worldwide, with 8.8 million new cases and 1.4 million deaths worldwide in 2010; and

WHEREAS, one-third of the world's population is currently infected with Mycobacterium tuberculosis germs and bear the risk of developing active TB disease; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis germs are spread from person to person through the air, causing a life-threatening disease which is treatable, curable and preventable; and **WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Health joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the global Stop TB Partnership in adopting the 2012 World TB Day slogan "Stop TB in My Lifetime"; and

WHEREAS, the annual worldwide health observance of World TB Day on March 24th aims to raise public awareness and increase personal knowledge about TB, a disease which remains a significant public health concern across the United States and in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the Tennessee Department of Health has launched the collaborative "Stop TB Partnership of Tennessee" to engage community partners in the fight to eliminate TB in Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2012, as

WORLD TB DAY

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 14th day of March, 2012.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Hargett in black ink.

Secretary of State