



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the 61st observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 3, 2012, with the theme "One Nation Under God" based on Psalm 33:12, which serves to remind us that "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"; and

WHEREAS, a national day of prayer has been part of our country's heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout America's history and have called on our citizens to unite together and pray, asking the Creator for divine guidance, protection, blessing, and strength to meet the challenges that we face as we band together to defend this great country against any foe that would threaten it; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the power and love of God, we, as citizens of the State of Tennessee, value the freedom we have to gather and pray, and we acknowledge our need for God's strength and wisdom in the face of present and future challenges; and

WHEREAS, we join with fellow citizens, regardless of religion or denomination, to ask God for His blessing and protection upon every citizen of our state; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray as it directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday in May of each year as a National Day of Prayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2012, as a

DAY OF PRAYER

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 15th day of March, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State