



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science has long been involved in improving science education in the state; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for science literacy, a cause long embraced by the Academy; and

WHEREAS, science and technology are increasingly important to the economic well-being of the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Tennessee Academy of Science represents all scientific disciplines and grand divisions of the state; and

WHEREAS, members of the Academy contribute to the education of undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students in Tennessee's institutions of higher education, as well as train future generations of scientists; and

WHEREAS, Academy members frequently educate schoolchildren as visiting scientists in Tennessee's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science has a longstanding relationship with the science teachers of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science directs a program to encourage young scientists through its Tennessee Junior Academy of Science; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science directs programs in each of the grand divisions of the state to encourage undergraduate science students through its Collegiate Division; and

WHEREAS, the Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science serves a crucial role in the discussion of research and development efforts and the recognition of the work of leading scientists in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science played a central role in the early efforts to establish the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science was instrumental in encouraging the creation of Reelfoot Lake State Park and the establishment of the biological research station at the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science has served as a premier science organization for a century, diligently working in the public interest and strongly supporting scientific excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Academy of Science will hold its 122nd meeting during its Centennial year on November 15 and 16, 2012, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-17, 2012, as

TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE WEEK

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 thirteenth day of November, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State

