



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, environmental education will increase dramatically by the creation of a full week of educational preparation in K-12 classrooms, university campuses, and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums, and museums; and

**WHEREAS**, collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day while drawing educator attention to the larger opportunities and value of environmental education for both year long education and environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring grade-appropriate environmental literacy goals and content standards; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental education will encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, and local parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional environment education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with the nation's educational leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, education associations, and agencies will become an annually anticipated event for local participation in schools and various education centers in Tennessee;

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009 as

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION 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 19th day of March, 2009.

