



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Governor Tom C. Rye signed legislation on May 15, 1915 creating a six-member non-compensated State Highway Commission whose function would become effective July 1, 1915; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Highway Commission was established to assist county governments in accommodating the 25,000 motor vehicles putting along its dusty lanes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Highway Commission was empowered to create a State Highway Department whose mission was fourfold: to develop a connected highway plan; establish construction and maintenance standards; act in an advisory capacity to county authorities; and execute contracts with the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Highway Department became the Tennessee Department of Transportation in 1972 whose mission today is to be "The Best DOT in the nation;" and

**WHEREAS**, for one hundred years, Tennessee has been a leader in transportation including some of the best highways in the nation, an excellent system of airports and rural transit systems providing access in all 95 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, during that hundred years, Tennessee has been a leader in highway safety, bridge and highway maintenance, and preservation; and has provided incomparable access for both rural and urban centers of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, a quality transportation system plays a vital role in economic growth and provides for an unparalleled quality of life for Tennessee's citizens and visitors alike;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim, Tuesday, July 1, 2014, as the beginning of a one-year long recognition and celebration of the

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Tennessee Department of Transportation*

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 twenty-eighth day of May, 2014.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Regat*

Secretary of State