



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Cold War (September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991) was a long and costly struggle for freedom between the forces of democratic nations, led by the United States, against the tyranny and brutality of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cold War began after World War II with the threat of world domination in Europe and Asia by the Communist ideology and military action and that this unique war was marked by periodic confrontations between the West and the East including international crises such as the Berlin Airlift in 1948, the Korean War of 1950-1953, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 and the Vietnam War of 1960-1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the end of the longest undeclared war in United States history began with the fall of the Berlin Wall, November 1989, and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union's Communist government in December 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of Tennessee Veterans valiantly served in our nation's armed forces during this long conflict with many sacrificing their lives; and

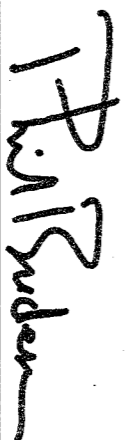
**WHEREAS**, the Cold War Veterans Association (CWVA) -- a federally recognized Veterans' Service Organization with numerous members in Tennessee -- has identified May 1st as the day to commemorate our victory in the Cold War;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

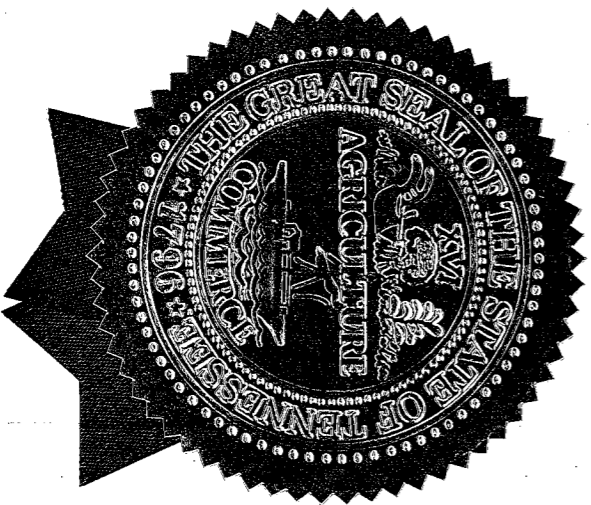
## COLD WAR VICTORY DAY

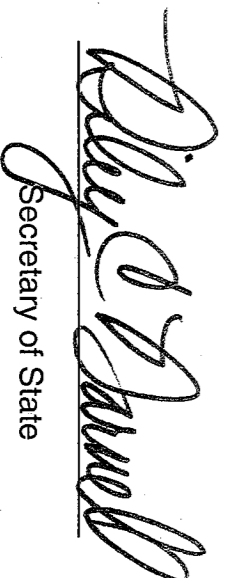
in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**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 April, 2008.



Governor



  
Secretary of State