



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, geology and the other earth sciences are fundamental to the safety, health, and welfare of Tennesseans and to the economy of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing and conserving mineral, energy and water resources needed for Tennessee's continuing prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, indoor radon and sinkholes experienced in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, geological factors of resources, hazards and environment are vital to land management and land use decisions made in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the earth sciences contribute critical pieces to our understanding, appreciation and respect for nature;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 14 - 20, 2007 as,

## EARTH 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 5th day of October, 2007.

Governor

Secretary of State

