



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, crime and its effect upon the lives and property of our citizens is of utmost concern, and the continued efforts of our local government, citizens' organizations, and individuals to curb this problem are greatly appreciated; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of crime touch and affect all segments of our society, and can undermine and erode the moral and economic strengths of our community and our citizens if unabated; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and determination to maintain faith in the preservation of law and order, and the appreciation of the importance of law enforcement officers and their role in preserving social order in a democracy is everyone's responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Optimist Respect for Law Program continues to sponsor and support programs throughout the State of Tennessee aimed at combating crime and encouraging respect for law through year-round efforts;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4-10, 2008, as

## RESPECT FOR LAW 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 25th day of April, 2008.

Handwritten signature of Phil Bredesen in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Ray Darnell in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

