



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the people across Tennessee wish to live in harmony with the natural resources and leave a better earth for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, conservationists across our beautiful state work hand in hand with the citizens of Tennessee to conserve natural resources and to create a healthy land; and

WHEREAS, leadership for conservation of natural resources on private lands is provided by a partnership that includes conservation districts, state conservation agencies, other federal agencies, tribes and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its predecessor, the Soil Conservation Service, have been helping private landowners and land users in Tennessee meet their conservation goals by ensuring a healthy and productive land that sustains food and fiber production, protects watersheds and natural systems, enhances the environment, and improves urban and rural landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service has established an important conservation partnership with farmers, ranchers, and other land users in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service helps community leaders make sound natural resource decisions that protect the local environment and improve their standard of living and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, now is the time to recognize the contributions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its partners and to increase awareness among the state's citizens of the importance of natural resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2005 as

CONSERVATION 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 25th day of April, 2005.

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

Governor

Handwritten signature of Riley C. Darvell in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State