



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Elephant Sanctuary provides a haven for sick or needy elephants retired from zoos and circuses in a natural habitat refuge; and

**WHEREAS**, the public is being educated about the welfare of all species of elephants in captivity as well as in the wild; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elephant Sanctuary is an established non-profit organization that recognizes the importance of providing for these highly intelligent and very social creatures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee continually sets and reaches goals to better the lives of all elephants worldwide;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

## ELEPHANT AWARENESS MONTH

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 4th day of September, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Phil Bredesen".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lee Hargitt".

Secretary of State