

Proclamation by the governor: Joshua Generation "Putting Babies First" Week. Governor Don Sundquist. State of Tennessee. June 20, 2000.



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, many infants and toddlers living in poverty today are not provided with their basic needs -- diapers, baby wipes, and formula; and

WHEREAS, these infants and toddlers are living in low-income families where funds are not readily available to purchase such necessary items; and

WHEREAS, during the week of June 28 – July 2, Joshua Generation International, Inc. in conjunction with My Brothers Keeper, Stonegate Wal-Mart, Spirit and Truth Full Gospel Baptist Church, New Covenant Family Church, regional businesses, civic organizations, and individuals will sponsor "Putting Babies First 2000" at Stonegate Wal-Mart in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, the "Putting Babies First" program is one of the largest and most successful programs for underprivileged infants and toddlers in our region; and

WHEREAS, the goal of "Putting Babies First" year-around program is to provide free diapers, baby wipes, and formula to low-income and underprivileged infants and toddlers in Knox County and in eight counties of upper East Tennessee as well as in seven counties and three cities of Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, "Putting Babies First" has supplied thousand of diapers and wipes as well as hundreds of cans of formula in 1998, 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, since August 1999, over 17,700 diapers, 41,000 wipes and 400 cans of baby formula have been given away to low-income families in the East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia region; and

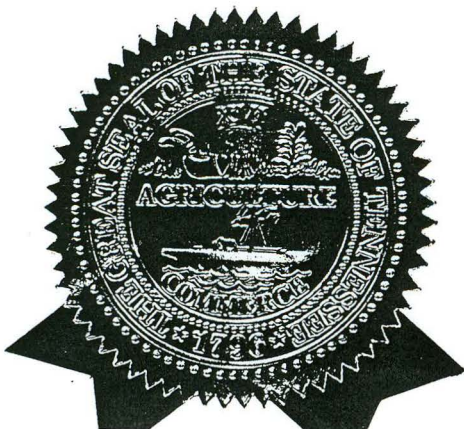
WHEREAS, "Putting Babies First" is a positive and pro-active community event that will meet the basic needs of babies living in poverty,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Sundquist, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 28 – July 2, 2000 as,

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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 20th day of June, 2000.



Don Sundquist
Governor

Paley C. Daniel
Secretary of State