

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, represents 60,000 adult members who swim with its more than 1,500 local adult swim programs across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control estimates that 37% of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads; and

**WHEREAS**, teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of USMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation makes available grant resources to adult swimming programs so they may teach potentially thousands of adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity to swim; and

**WHEREAS**, the grants to the adult swimming programs for the Adult Learn to Swim program are privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of 60,000 USMS members and supporters; and

**WHEREAS**, April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

## ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.



PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR