

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi's forest resource has been utilized to enhance economic development, provide environmental benefits, provide educational opportunities, reduce the impact of pollution and increase the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, forest resources provide Mississippi with jobs and income, tax revenue, wood products, energy, fuel and clean air while slowing the loss of soil due to erosion and ensuring a good storehouse of clean water; and

**WHEREAS**, the unique beauty and diversity of our native trees provide a powerful and lasting impression to visitors and lifelong memories for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, our urban forests increase property values, provide for serenity and relaxation, beautify the landscape and reduce energy consumption by shading and cooling our dwellings and urban "heat islands"; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in forest settings provide outdoor recreation opportunities and abundant habitat for wildlife:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2016, as

## **ARBOR DAY**

in the State of Mississippi, and I do further proclaim the period of time from February 12 through February 19, 2016, as

## **TREE PLANTING WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to plant a tree.



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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR