

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, heart disease accounts for 26 percent of all deaths in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi has the highest death rate in the country from cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, Manna Ministries Inc., has established the Heart 2 Heart Initiative to engage the community in Southern Mississippi and collaborate on improving cardiovascular disease awareness while improving the quality of care and patient education through community outreach in the delivery of screening, treatment and heart-healthy lifestyle support; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc., has worked through its Dr. Martha W. Davis Healthy Families Movement Program to reduce the risk of heart disease among low-income, especially African-American women in central Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Manna Ministries Inc., and the Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc., have come together to raise awareness about the need for innovative, community-based approaches to turn the tide against heart disease in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Connections for Cardiovascular Health Day provides an opportunity for Mississippians to join together in their communities to improve cardiovascular health and raise awareness about the programs and support services across the state that play a critical role in heart health:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim February 1, 2016, as

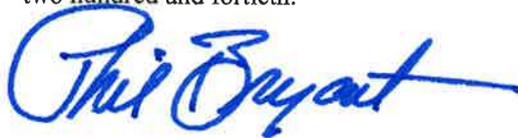
Connections for Cardiovascular Health Day

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to connect within their community to promote cardiovascular health.



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 twentieth 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.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR