

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is known throughout the world as the Hospitality State for the graciousness of our people, the kindness of our hearts, and the sincerity of our desire to assist those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's Day of Giving was established to celebrate this spirit of philanthropic graciousness, in which citizens contribute through myriad means; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Day of Giving is a powerful giving experience that unites Mississippians around causes in which they truly believe. Hosted by Engage Mississippi at MSDayofGiving.org, this day is a way for nonprofits to connect to the larger community, learn how to use new tools and strategies, and generate excitement and resources. The impact of the entire state giving together can be incredible; and

WHEREAS, every donation touches lives, opens doors, hastens innovation, and helps develop new knowledge – from paying for a hot meal to strengthening training mechanisms to launching exciting new initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's Day of Giving allows nonprofits to build a better, stronger, more resilient Mississippi. Through challenges, interactive leaderboards, and some good old-fashioned rivalry, donors are encouraged to give back in hopes of pushing their favorite causes to be the best they can be; and

WHEREAS, this day highlights how people can work together to share commitments, build stronger communities, and improve the quality of life for all citizens in our communities; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism historically reflects the highest values of our democratic society, in that regardless of the situation, station, age, race or creed, all may volunteer and reap the rich rewards that come from giving aid to others, while improving one's own skills and horizons; and

WHEREAS, in addition to financial contributions, Mississippians will pledge their most valuable asset: time. Volunteer opportunities are available across our great state, and citizens will be able to commit to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate and recognize those who invest their time, talents, and energy to reach out to others by donating and volunteering and encourage all citizens to become involved in Mississippi's charitable economy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016, as

Mississippi's Day of Giving

in the State of Mississippi and urge all our citizens to continue to set an outstanding example for others to follow as they help renew and sustain the spirit and vitality of our great state by addressing the needs of our communities through charitable donations and volunteer action.



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 20th 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 blue ink signature of Phil Bryant, written in a cursive style.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR