

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the profession of Family and Consumer Sciences had its beginning as home economics in 1899 when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the plight of families with regards to water quality, food safety and safety of home environments; and

WHEREAS, building on its strong foundation, Family and Consumer Sciences continues to use the family as its central focus, thereby expanding its content base to meet the ever evolving needs of that entity; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences has a long and colorful history of utilizing its unique content areas of food and nutrition, human and child development, personal and family finance, family relations, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues to equip and empower individuals and families to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals promote families eating and preparing meals together as a way to build strong families and improve nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals work in careers as diverse as secondary and higher education, Extension outreach, family and child agencies, consumer protection, retail/business and as entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the conditions impacting individuals and families today are at an all-time high when it comes to obesity, spousal and child abuse, inability to manage financial affairs and more, point to a heightened role for Family and Consumer Sciences; and

WHEREAS, policy makers and the public in general need an awareness and understanding of the relevance of Family and Consumer Sciences in addressing many of the problems that are currently holding families hostage; and

WHEREAS, in Mississippi we have approximately 240 FCS teachers serving about 39,000 students and Mississippi State University Extension serving all 82 counties with FCS programming:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 3, 2015, as

Family & Consumer Sciences Day

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to participate in dining in together to improve nutrition and build strong families.

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 second 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

