

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, more than 41,000 citizens of the State of Mississippi have intellectual/developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities are entitled to enjoy, participate in and share the same benefits, privileges and protection afforded other citizens of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in our state that include full access to education, housing, employment and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities deserve total support, recognition and acceptance of all citizens of the State of Mississippi:

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

## **INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR