

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for four centuries, Americans of Irish heritage have contributed their lives and fortunes to their adopted country; and

WHEREAS, the Irish were the largest European group to inhabit the thirteen colonies in the 75 years leading to the 1776 Revolution and played a significant role in the war for independence; and

WHEREAS, Irish Americans have excelled in all professions and occupations, including education, science, medicine, the arts and politics, and in all aspects of human endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Hibernia Marching Society of Mississippi Inc., was formed to FOSTER, PROMOTE AND PERPETUATE Irish traditions, heritage and fellowship of Irish and Irish American descendants in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Hibernia Marching Society of Mississippi Inc., is a viable ethnic organization that contributes energy and funds to enhance quality of life:

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

IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to recognize it appropriately.

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 15th 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