

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 15% of the general population suffers from Irlen Syndrome which affects daily function due to the brain's inability to process visual information; and

WHEREAS, persons of all ages and ethnicities may experience Irlen Syndrome symptoms, which include light sensitivity, headaches or migraines, difficulty or discomfort when reading, eye strain, and distorted print, text or environment; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that brain injuries, concussions, chronic headaches and migraines have also been linked to Irlen Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, failure to identify and treat Irlen Syndrome can have severe consequences, ranging from academic and workplace failure or ongoing physical and emotional symptoms, to increased likelihood to enter the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Irlen Institutes' Founder Helen Irlen says "Irlen Syndrome is more common than heart disease or asthma, and affects daily quality of life in serious ways. By increasing awareness, we hope to move away from costly misdiagnoses and help sufferers access readily available solutions"; and

WHEREAS, "International Irlen Syndrome Awareness Week" highlights the importance and ease of correctly identifying and treating Irlen Syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 19-23, 2015, as

IRLEN AWARENESS WEEK

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 twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR