

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our Nation honors the contributions of the 22 million Veterans living today, men and women of America's Armed Forces who have demonstrated their willingness to put country before self; and

WHEREAS, Operation Desert Storm was an effort to help liberate Kuwait from the clutches of a malicious Iraqi government so it may have the opportunity to govern and defend itself against the throes of evil; and

WHEREAS, over 600,000 American Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen left family behind and risked their lives in the Persian Gulf to liberate Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, early in the morning of January 17, 1991, Baghdad time, the United States-led coalition launched air attacks against Iraqi targets; and

WHEREAS, on midnight, February 28, 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced the suspension of combat operations and an end of Operation Desert Storm, widely considered the shortest and most successful war in American history; and

WHEREAS, Operation Desert Storm resulted in 148 U.S. battle deaths and 145 non-battle deaths, military personnel who answered our Nation's call and made the ultimate sacrifice for their country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm do hereby proclaim February 4, 2016, as

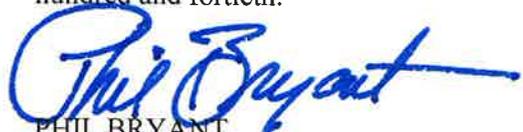
OPERATION DESERT STORM REMEMBRANCE DAY

and urge all citizens of the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend the men and women who served during Operation Desert Storm.



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 twenty-seventh 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