

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Mission Mississippi has been dedicated since 1993 to the underlying truth that all persons of all races are called together to live in unity and harmony within the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Mission Mississippi is well aware of the continuing need to overcome the traditional barriers that in the past have separated the people of our State and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it remains the goal of Mission Mississippi to create an environment in which it is safe to talk about the deep issues of race relations in order that genuine and meaningful relationships can be developed among all our fellow citizens across racial and denominational lines; and

**WHEREAS**, Mission Mississippi has labored faithfully toward this goal by sponsoring and hosting a variety of local and statewide events designed to help Mississippians of different backgrounds to come together and establish deep and genuine relationships across racial and denominational lines; and

**WHEREAS**, Mission Mississippi will sponsor events in the month of October 2016 promoting the unifying message of racial reconciliation and healing which can enhance and improve the lives of all citizens, businesses and communities of Mississippi:

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

## **RACIAL RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION MONTH**

in Mississippi to encourage all of our citizens to collaboratively and faithfully join Mission Mississippi in the work of promoting racial reconciliation and healing and to bring about unity throughout 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and in the anniversary of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.



PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR