

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, any parts of the State of Mississippi that will be severely affected by severe thunderstorms and tornados beginning on February 23, 2016, and continuing throughout the day, which includes torrential rain, damaging winds, hail, flooding, lightning and tornados, and thus state assistance will be necessary to support local government response and recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, this severe weather system may cause damage to homes, businesses, and public property, and threaten the safety of the citizens and property throughout the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect people and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in the areas of the State of Mississippi affected by, or areas that may be affected by, this severe weather. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed in Section 33-15-11(b)(17).

**FURTHER**, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary as set forth in the State of Mississippi's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.



**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-third day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand 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**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.".  
**C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**