

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the education of Mississippi's children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of the state rests; and

WHEREAS, school boards play a vital role in a representative democracy, directly influencing the education of Mississippi's children in local communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the effective leadership of school boards is imperative for students to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society as well as to an ever-changing, more complex world; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to the proper education of all students, believing that they can be successful learners and ultimately productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, local school board members work with parents, education professionals, business leaders and other community members to create the educational vision communities want for their children; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are responsible for firmly establishing the structure that provides a solid foundation for educating Mississippi's children and are committed to ensuring that the educational program is accountable to the community; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are strong advocates for public education, partnering with communities as they communicate the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to school districts; and

WHEREAS, School Board Member Recognition Week in Mississippi provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between school board members and the communities they serve:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of **February 14-20, 2016**, as

School Board Member Recognition Week

in Mississippi and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the vital role of the local school board in ensuring a quality education for children and ultimately in helping solidify a strong, viable Mississippi economy.



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 16th day of December, 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