

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, every student in Mississippi should have access to an effective education; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens across Mississippi agree that continuing to improve the quality of education in our state is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in our state to be successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi has a multitude of high-quality traditional public schools, public magnet schools, public charter schools and nonpublic schools, as well as families who educate their children in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi has many high-quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all types of education environments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for parents in Mississippi to explore and identify the best education options available to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that providing children with multiple education options improves academic performance; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is a national celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and community leaders for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective education options for children:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby recognize January 24-30, 2016, as

### *School Choice Week*

in Mississippi, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.



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 20<sup>th</sup> day 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR