

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi's greatest severe weather threat is in the spring months of March, April and May; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has experienced extensive damage from 811 tornadoes, more than 2,200 wind damage reports and more than 2,300 reports of large hail in the spring due to changing weather patterns since 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, the April 2014 outbreak of 25 confirmed tornadoes took the lives of 14 Mississippians damaged more than 2,500 homes and businesses in 23 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, history has demonstrated that well-informed and well-prepared citizens reduce the risk of personal injury and property damages as a result of these storms; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippians should be aware that they can take an active role in improving their ability to survive and recover from tornadoes by having an emergency plan and putting it into action when severe weather threatens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Mississippi Civil Defense and Emergency Management Association and the National Weather Service are urging Mississippians to be prepared for the upcoming spring season that produces the most severe weather and tornadoes in the state's history:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of February 29 through March 4, 2016, as

### ***SPRING SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK***

in the state of Mississippi and encourage all of our citizens to join in this effort to increase public preparedness for tornadoes and severe weather.



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 fourth day of February, 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