

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has been severely affected by a significant snow event, extreme and prolong subfreezing temperatures, ice and accompanying winter weather impacting all areas of the State of Mississippi, beginning on January 15, 2018, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, this extreme winter weather has caused hazardous driving conditions, damage to homes, businesses, and public property, preventing access to and causing many schools to be closed; and

WHEREAS, these school closures may create a situation where it will not be economically feasible or practicable to operate some schools for the full one hundred eighty days required for a scholastic year; 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, the State Board of Education shall review plans for altering the school calendar.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Mississippi Constitution, Miss. Code Ann. § 37-13-63(2), Miss. Code Ann. § 37-151-7(3)(c), all other applicable laws of the state and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist for all school districts in the State of Mississippi which were affected by, or may be affected by, this extreme winter weather emergency.



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 nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

Handwritten signature of Phil Bryant in blue ink.

**PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR**

BY THE GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. in blue ink.

**C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE**