

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, voting is a most fundamental right given to citizens of our Nation, whereby citizens may exercise their ability to choose representation in a free and fair environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this fundamental right to cast a ballot and participate in the electoral process is the cornerstone of our Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, countless service men and women have given their lives to defend this fundamental right since the founding of our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippians should be mindful there are many other countries whose citizens' ability to cast a ballot is nonexistent or the results preordained; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau estimates approximately 2.262 million people reside in Mississippi who are of proper voting age; and

**WHEREAS**, every qualified Mississippian should be registered to vote and exercise their Constitutional right; and

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential General Election shall be held in Mississippi on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, whereby the Voter Registration Deadline for that election shall be Saturday, October 8, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2016 as:

## **VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi.



**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.



**PHIL BRYANT**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**



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