**TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:**

WHEREAS, the Legislature has designated the third Monday of January as the day for the observance of the birthdays of ROBERT E. LEE and DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and under the provisions of Section 3-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi;

THEREFORE, all officers and employees of the State of Mississippi are authorized and empowered, at the discretion of the executive head of the department or agency, to close their respective offices in observance of the holiday on

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017**

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office at Jackson, Mississippi, this the 2nd day of December, 2016.

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI