

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1309

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2012, Mississippi lost a respected statesman with the passing of Senator Bennie L. Turner; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner was a native of Clay County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner is survived by his wife, Edna Walker Turner and three daughters: Angela, Carolyn and Leta; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner was a member of the Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations and the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, he was first elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 1993 where he served until his death; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner served as Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee, Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and former Chairman of the Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Senator Bennie L. Turner;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order the State Flag on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction fly at half staff, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Monday, December 3, 2012, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, Senator Bennie L. Turner.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

Phil Bryant

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.
C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE