

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 1364**

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, Mississippi lost a respected and legendary high school basketball coach with the passing of Bertram "Bert" Jenkins at the age of 90; and

**WHEREAS**, Bert Jenkins is survived by his wife Lillian, five adult children, ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving in World War II, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and earned a master's degree from the University of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, he began his coaching career as a junior high coach before getting the head basketball coaching job at Gulfport High, where he coached for 28 years, compiling a record of 866 wins and only 180 losses that included 7 state championships and 13 Big Eight titles; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Jenkins was named National High School Coach of the Year in 1965, 1970, 1976 and 1989, was inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame in 1981, and was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the prayers of this State, particularly those of the Gulf Coast community, are with the family and friends of Coach Bert Jenkins:

**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 order the State Flag on all buildings and grounds at the Gulfport High School campus and at the Bert Jenkins Gymnasium, in Gulfport, Mississippi, fly at half staff beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015, to coincide with the Memorial Service at the gymnasium, in memory of a dedicated, respected and legendary Mississippi high school basketball coach and teacher, Bertram "Bert" Jenkins.



**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 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE