

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1372

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 13, 2016, our nation lost a respected jurist and stalwart in jurisprudence with the passing of Antonin Gregory Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia was born on March 11, 1936, in Trenton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Georgetown University and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, in his distinguished career he was a law professor at the University of Virginia, a United States Assistant Attorney General, a professor at the University of Chicago Law School and a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the United States Supreme Court, and his confirmation was unanimously approved by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia, a legal scholar and influential member of the high court, was known for his originalist interpretation of the Constitution, his textualist interpretation of statutory law and his skill as a legal writer; and

WHEREAS, Justice Scalia visited our state on a number of occasions, enjoying our people and our outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with his wife, Maureen, his children, other family members and many friends:

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 all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction beginning immediately on Monday, February 15, 2016, and ending at sunset on the day of interment, in remembrance of a dedicated and respected American and Associate Justice of the United State Supreme Court, Antonin Gregory Scalia.

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 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.".

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE