

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1454

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, December 2, 2019, Mississippi lost a respected leader and devoted public servant with the passing of Nielsen Harris Cochran at the age of 78; and

**WHEREAS**, Nielsen Cochran was born on January 14, 1941, in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and grew up in Byram; and

**WHEREAS**, he attended Mississippi College and Northern State College in South Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, Nielsen was a sweet-swinging, smooth-fielding third baseman with the Baltimore Orioles organization where he worked his way through the farm system until his final season at Triple-A Rochester in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, he was elected as Jackson City Commissioner, serving two terms; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, Nielsen Cochran was elected to the Mississippi Public Service Commission from the Central District and served as Commissioner for 24 years; and

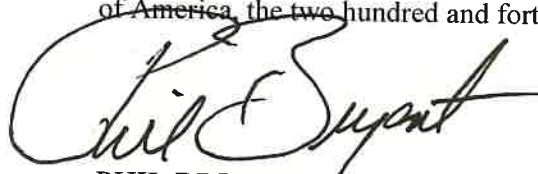
**WHEREAS**, Nielsen is the son of the late W.H. Cochran and Emma Grace Cochran and brother to United States Senator Thad Cochran who died in May of 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the prayers of this state are with his wife Connie and their sons Scot and Jason; his daughters Karen and Kirsten; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and 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 from sunrise to sunset on Friday, December 6, 2019, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant and a good man, Nielsen Harris Cochran.

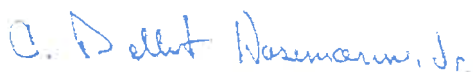
**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.



PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:



C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE