

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

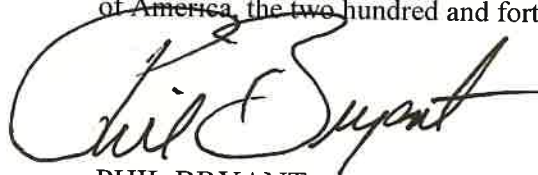
WHEREAS, Nielsen is the son of the late W.H. Cochran and Emma Grace Cochran and brother to United States Senator Thad Cochran who died in May of 2019; and

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.

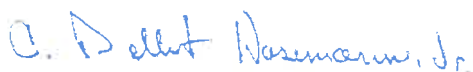
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 5th 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 HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE