

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to society and an ever-changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members fulfill leadership roles and serve as the venue through which community stakeholders provide resources and support for creative initiatives that lead to improved student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, school board members create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels; and

**WHEREAS**, school board members serve as a voice that enables our community to preserve local management and control of our public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the committed men and women who serve on the boards of Mississippi's school districts are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public, and the public's expectations to the district, by working closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we all hold for today's students and those in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, during February 10-16, 2019, special activities and programs will be held in communities across Mississippi in observance of School Board Recognition Week, and it is fitting to join in acknowledging the commitment and contributions of members of local school boards:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of February 10-16, 2019, as

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the vital role of the local school board in ensuring a quality education for children and ultimately in helping solidify a strong, viable Mississippi economy.

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

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

A blue ink signature of Phil Bryant, written in a cursive style.

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

