WHEREAS, children are the heart of Mississippi's future and the public schools play a major role in their development as productive citizens and savvy leaders; and,

WHEREAS, Mississippi's public schools are challenged to prepare all children to compete effectively in a global, ever evolving digital society; and,

WHEREAS, the effective leadership of school board members and school administrators working together with the community is imperative in stimulating a climate for high student achievement; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members have a continuing role in facilitating community and school collaboration in defining the vision for public education in each community; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members are ultimately responsible for ensuring that every available resource is identified and applied in maximizing student academic achievement; and,

WHEREAS, local school boards have continually demonstrated their loyalty and commitment to high performing schools; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members have consistently gone above and beyond annual state mandated training requirements to seek knowledge to refine their skills as policy makers accountable to schools and communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of February 9-15, 2020, as

School Board Member Recognition Week

in the State of Mississippi. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the vital role of local school board members in helping ensure a quality education system and ultimately 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 29th day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR