

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi's public schools play a vital role in preparing students with the knowledge, skills, and character necessary for lifelong learning, productive employment, and responsible citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 700 Mississippians serve as local school board members, answering the call to public service and affirming the belief that every student can succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated leaders devote significant time and effort to understanding complex educational issues, participating in ongoing training, and making informed decisions shaping public education; and

**WHEREAS**, local school boards work in partnership with parents, educators, and community leaders to support strong schools and promote student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, school board members serve as a critical link between their communities and school districts, advocating for public education and communicating community values, priorities, and expectations; and

**WHEREAS**, the service and leadership of Mississippi's school board members strengthen public education and contribute to the long-term success of students and communities throughout the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, as Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of February 16 – 20, 2026, as

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION WEEK**

in Mississippi. I urge all stakeholders to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of school board members and in working with them to create an education system that meets the needs of all learners.



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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fiftieth.

  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR