

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year for National Public Health Week, the nationwide public health community is rallying around a goal of making the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation by 2030; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

WHEREAS, among the greatest public health concerns in Mississippi are: physical inactivity, obesity, smoking and tobacco use, diabetes, nutrition, environmental health, teen pregnancy, and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi shows strengths in public health matters such as: low prevalence of binge drinking, high immunization coverage among children, and small disparity in health status based on education level; and

WHEREAS, the state of Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning and community colleges are highly invested in educating future leaders in public health, prevention, health promotion and medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Public Health Association, Mississippi Public Health Institute, Jackson State University, University of Mississippi Medical Center, University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, The University of Mississippi, Mississippians for Health and Wellness, Active Health Management, Hope Policy Institute, Mississippi Business Group on Health, The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, One Voice and the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health will partner to promote public health initiatives, programs and news during Public Health Week and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, every day, public health professionals in our state work to ensure everyone has the opportunity to lead a healthy life, empower communities with the tools, knowledge and resources to make a difference by encouraging individuals to take charge of their health, by promoting prevention and health equity in the community; and

WHEREAS, during this week, we join with all Mississippi citizens and community based organizations, local health departments, religious communities, schools, civic groups, concerned citizens and others to utilize this week to learn more about how they can improve their personal wellness and their community's health so that Mississippi can continue to become a healthier, stronger state:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2017, as

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in the State of Mississippi.



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 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR