

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer is the number one cancer among men and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that approximately 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and over 26,000 will die from it; and

**WHEREAS**, African-American men, men with a family history of prostate cancer, and men exposed to Agent Orange are at highest risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States proclaims September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month each year; and

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer not only affects men but also affects their family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer is usually treatable if detected early; and

**WHEREAS**, men who have prostate cancer and are educated about the value of early detection will be more likely to have the cancer detected when it is treatable; and

**WHEREAS**, men who discuss treatment options with their healthcare provider and with their family are more likely to make good treatment decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month will encourage men to discuss prostate cancer with their healthcare provider; and

**WHEREAS**, [www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com](http://www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com) provides information on prostate cancer and links to national organizations that provide awareness and services during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all our men to learn their risk and to speak to their healthcare provider about screening for prostate cancer.



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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, 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