

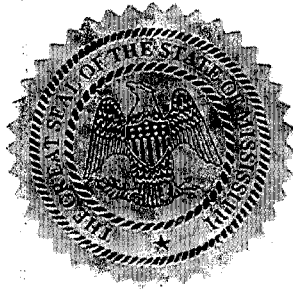
**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 3-3-7, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day are declared legal holidays in the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas and New Year's season, many state employees will spend time with their families in Mississippi and in other states;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi, do hereby authorize the closing of all offices of the State of Mississippi on Thursday, November 28, 2013, in observance of **THANKSGIVING DAY**; on Wednesday, December 25, 2013, in observance of **CHRISTMAS DAY**; and on Wednesday, January 1, 2014, in observance of **NEW YEAR'S DAY**.

**IN ADDITION**, I hereby authorize the executive officers of all state agencies, in their discretion after considering the interests of the people of the State of Mississippi and the staffing needs of their respective agencies, to close all offices of the State of Mississippi on Friday, November 29, 2013, in further observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and on Tuesday, December 24, 2013, in further observance of Christmas; and to staff their respective agencies as needed during the Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas season.



**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 21st day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Bryant".

**PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.".

**C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE**