

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi's forest resource has been utilized to enhance economic development, provide environmental benefits, provide educational opportunities, reduce the impact of pollution and increase the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, forest resources provide Mississippi with jobs and income, tax revenue, wood products, energy, fuel and clean air while slowing the loss of soil due to erosion and ensuring a good storehouse of clean water; and

**WHEREAS**, the unique beauty and diversity of our native trees provide a lasting impression to visitors and lifelong memories for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, our urban forests increase property values, provide for serenity and relaxation, beautify the landscape and reduce energy consumption by shading and cooling our dwellings and urban "heat islands"; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in forest settings provide outdoor recreation opportunities and abundant habitat for wildlife:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2015, as

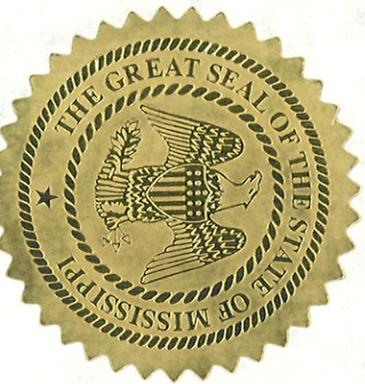
**ARBOR DAY**

in the State of Mississippi, and I do further proclaim the period of time from February 13 through February 19, 2015, as

**TREE PLANTING WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to plant a tree.

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 19th day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

  
PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR