

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 41,000 citizens of the State of Mississippi have intellectual/developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities are entitled to enjoy, participate in and share the same benefits, privileges and protection afforded other citizens of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in our state that include full access to education, housing, employment and recreation; and

WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities deserve total support, recognition and acceptance of all citizens of the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of March 2017 as

**INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH**

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 28th day of February 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