

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi of Free and Accepted Masons is an organization dedicated to the ancient landmarks of the Order of Freemasonry; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2017, all Masons wheresoever dispersed celebrated 300 years of Freemasonry; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 1818, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi of Free and Accepted Masons was officially established in Natchez, Mississippi, by delegates from territorial lodges warranted almost fifteen years prior to the recognition of the newly established State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Masons are taught that all men are equal and individual freedom of thought and action, as well as morality and ethics, are the concepts and ideals upon which the Order is founded; and

WHEREAS, by teaching the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and through its fellowship, its compassion and its concern, Freemasonry enables men to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Mississippi of Free and Accepted Masons and all Mississippi Masonic Bodies as their members celebrate 300 years of modern Freemasonry and more than 200 years of Freemasonry 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 14th day of July 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-second.

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

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

