

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi manufacturers produce many world class products and use distinctive production processes to serve markets in the State of Mississippi, the United States and around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing directly supports more than 143,000 individuals, or 12.5 percent of Mississippi's total jobs in all 82 counties, and helps to support more than 285,000 additional jobs in our local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation in manufacturing employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi manufacturers pay more than \$6.5 billion in wages and salaries annually; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing constitutes 14.4 percent of the gross state product of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi manufacturers exported nearly \$10 billion worth of manufactured products to the world in 2016, including the state's top export markets of Canada, Mexico, Panama, Guatemala and China; and

**WHEREAS**, 56 Fortune 500 companies have 117 manufacturing plants in Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, 113 international companies from 24 nations are engaged in manufacturing at 142 Mississippi plants; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing is the engine that powers Mississippi's economy:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 2-6, 2017, as

***MANUFACTURING WEEK IN MISSISSIPPI***

and acknowledge the positive impact the manufacturing industry has on our economy and our citizens, and that our economy will continue to grow through the maintenance of a strong manufacturing base in the state.



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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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