

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, voting is one of the most fundamental rights given to citizens of our Nation, whereby citizens may exercise their ability to choose representation in a free and fair environment; and

WHEREAS, this fundamental right to cast a ballot and participate in the electoral process is the cornerstone of our Republic; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,200 Mississippi National Guard members are currently serving overseas to protect and defend our right to participate in the elections process; and

WHEREAS, Mississippians should be mindful there are many other countries whose citizens' ability to cast a ballot is nonexistent or the results preordained; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates approximately 2.27 million people reside in Mississippi who are of voting age; and

WHEREAS, every qualified Mississippian should be registered to vote and exercise their Constitutional right; and

WHEREAS, every qualified Mississippian who is already registered has a duty to ensure his or her registration information is accurate and up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, the voter registration process in Mississippi has been more convenient than ever before, with mail-in applications available to download online and other resources available on Y'all Vote, www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov, Mississippi's Online Voter Information Center:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018 as:

VOTER REGISTRATION 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 13th day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

**PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR**

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

