

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, retirement planning was once thought of as an issue for older, wealthier adults to deal with. The truth is that preparing for a secure future is no longer considered a life stage or income-specific endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, each day about 10,000 Baby Boomers who are members of a generation largely unsure of their financial future are about to enter their retirement years; and

**WHEREAS**, providing for financial wellness in our later years is now an individual responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, preparing for and financing one's retirement is now increasingly difficult, with more Americans shouldering the burdens themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, a unique set of challenges has emerged, including changes in employee benefits, longer life spans, uncertainty with Social Security and Medicare, as well as rising cost of health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the latest research findings from the Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) has shown that Baby Boomers' confidence in their financial preparations for retirement are steadily dropping, with barely a quarter optimistic about their situation in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing need to educate Americans on retirement planning; and

**WHEREAS**, carving some time out on a routine basis to review your finances and assess your financial preparedness for retirement is an achievable first step; and

**WHEREAS**, being proactive about planning and seeking professional guidance when warranted can help Americans achieve financial freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, crafting a holistic financial plan for retirement can restore confidence and build savings for those post-working years; and

**WHEREAS**, experts from the National Retirement Planning Coalition, the group that organizes National Retirement Planning Week,<sup>®</sup> are urging Americans to use this time to develop, review and/or revise their retirement plans with the tools and help available at [www.RetireonYourTerms.org](http://www.RetireonYourTerms.org);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of April 11-15, 2016, as

## NATIONAL RETIREMENT PLANNING WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and urge all to support and join in this national effort to help consumers focus on their financial needs in retirement.



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 eleventh of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

  
PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR