

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, computer science education is supporting the development of a more advanced, innovative and technologically skilled workforce in Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, computer science education teaches fundamental skills, including logic, problem-solving and creativity that benefit learning in all subject areas; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, 52 Mississippi school districts participated in the second year of the CS4MS computer science pilot, reaching more than 15,000 students. The program was developed by the Mississippi State University Research & Curriculum Unit (RCU) and the Mississippi Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 126 Mississippi schools, districts and community centers have registered to participate in the Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week, December 4-10, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, 105 Mississippi high school students took an AP Computer Science exam, a more than 650% increase in the number of students taking the tests during the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi universities, community colleges and private colleges are offering a growing number of high-quality degree programs in computer science and related fields; and

**WHEREAS**, Keesler Air Force Base is a national center of excellence for cyber security, each year preparing thousands of airmen and other members of our nation's armed services to enhance our nation's ability to fight and win in cyberspace; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi companies, nonprofits and public-private partnerships throughout the state are working to advance computer science education in Mississippi, including Basecamp Coding Academy, FNC/CoreLogic, C Spire, Kopis Mobile, Innovate Mississippi, Kids Code Mississippi, Mississippi Coding Academies and the Mississippi Light Collaborative:

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

**MISSISSIPPI COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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