STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has been and will continue to be adversely affected by extremely dry conditions, and as a result thereof wildfires are occurring increasingly over wide areas of Mississippi, causing damage to public and private property and timberland; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of public and private property within the State, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect people and property; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2019, I received a request from the Mississippi Forestry Commission for the imposition of a statewide burn ban, with no exceptions, effectively immediately:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. Sections 33-15-5(g) and 33-15-11(b)(1) and (17), and in the public interest and for general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist across the state affected by extremely dry conditions and fire danger and, therefore, prohibit any outdoor burning in the state until such conditions improve and dangers abate.

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 second day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

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