

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, civics, derived from the Latin word *civicus*, meaning “related to a citizen,” is the study of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in society; and

WHEREAS, student knowledge of civics is imperative in order to understand what federal, state and local governments are, how they work, the principles upon which they are founded, the scope and limits of their respective authority, how they affect your life, and how one can participate in, influence or effect change therein; and

WHEREAS, the study of the history, workings, influence, organization and evolution of American political thought, governmental systems and political processes is at the very core of our citizenship and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi remains committed to having students be knowledgeable of the key points of American history and civics; and

WHEREAS, civics education in Mississippi is vital to informing students of the theoretical, political and practical aspects of citizenship, as well teaching students about the true American experiment: our system of limited government and its checks and balances designed to promote self-government through individual responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is important to embolden all students, educators and parents/guardians to participate fully with civics awareness, so they remain informed and engaged, and equipped to participate in their local, state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, in the words of James Madison: “*Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.*”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim October 2022 as:

CIVICS AWARENESS MONTH

in Mississippi and encourage all citizens to fully participate in this worthy and essential effort.

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 30TH day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves".

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

