

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups. It is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1, and up to six percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition:

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

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS 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 16th day of October 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR