

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS reliable, ample and affordable energy is critical to Mississippi's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS the production and consumption of energy affects our everyday activities and natural resources; and

WHEREAS Mississippi provides innovative statewide programs encouraging energy efficiency and renewable energy within state government and among its citizens, businesses, industries, schools, and local governments; and

WHEREAS energy efficiency and renewable energy development can offer employment and economic opportunities while contributing to a sustainable Mississippi; and

WHEREAS all Mississippians can continue to contribute to the bounty and efficiency of Mississippi by becoming energy conscious and energy efficient in their homes and in their work and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy has designated October as National Energy Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS the Mississippi Development Authority, Energy Division has designated this year's theme to be "A Sustainable Energy Future: Putting all the Pieces Together;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HALEY BARBOUR, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as

"ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH"

in Mississippi, and I urge all Mississippians to acknowledge and honor this observance.



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 twenty-fourth day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nine, and in the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR