

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our nation and its principles have been defended throughout history by brave men and women who have willingly sacrificed all for their own well-being for the cause of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifice of these brave men and women is not isolated to them, as many of them leave behind families whose sacrifice is no less; and

WHEREAS, the history of Gold Star families began in the United States following World War I to provide support for mothers who lost sons or daughters in the Great War; and

WHEREAS, the symbol of the Gold Star grew from the custom of families of service men and women embroidering a service flag with a gold star for each family member who perished in the line of duty and hanging the flag in the windows of their home; and

WHEREAS, the families of fallen service members should never be forgotten, and whereas Gold Star Mother's Day is observed in the United States on the last Sunday in September and Gold Star Spouses Day is observed on April 5th; and

WHEREAS, there is no date dedicated or observed for the children of fallen service members; and

WHEREAS, all members of Gold Star Families deserve to be honored and recognized for the sacrifices they make each and every day; and

WHEREAS, supporting Gold Star Children who have lost their parent or guardian in service to our nation demonstrates the commitment of our State and its patriotic citizenry to service men and women and their families across this great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2022, as

GOLD STAR CHILDREN'S DAY

in Mississippi, and I urge all people in our State to join me in recognizing, honoring, and paying special tribute to the children of fallen service members and encourage all Mississippians to perform acts of service and goodwill in their communities to celebrate families whose loved ones have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could continue to enjoy freedom and prosperity.



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 1st day of July 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.

Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR