STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution ("SAR") is a volunteer organization with over 550 chapters comprised of approximately 35,000 members; and

WHEREAS, SAR was organized on April 30, 1889, chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906, and signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, a member of the Empire State Society SAR; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Society, Sons of the American Revolution ("Mississippi SAR") was organized on May 10, 1909, and currently has over 400 members in 15 local chapters including the Mississippi State Society, and local chapters in Jackson, Gulfport, Horn Lake, Oxford, Tupelo, Starkville, Vicksburg, Natchez, Bruce, Brookhaven, Cleveland, Hattiesburg, Picayune, Kosciusko, Laurel, and Meridian; and

WHEREAS, SAR was organized as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the patriots who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or in other ways supported the cause of American Independence; and

WHEREAS, SAR seek to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, patriotism, and respect for our national symbols, including promoting pride of being American citizens and the unifying force of *e pluribus unum*; and

WHEREAS, SAR has been and always will be a living history of the growth of our nation, and stresses the importance of remembering American History through such valuable community services as educational programs, essay contests and promoting historic preservation and patriotism to our future generations; and

WHEREAS, both the importance of remembering American History and the contributions made to our society by the Sons of the American Revolution, and the community service of the Mississippi SAR chapters should be duly noted; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2022, at its 113th Annual Convention in Oxford, Mississippi, the Mississippi SAR will celebrate the anniversary of its first meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 26, 2022, as

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY

and urge all citizens to educate themselves on the American Revolutionary War, the sacrifices made by the those who fought in the battles of the American Revolution and in other ways supported the cause of American Independence, and commend the courageous ideals of those who carry on this patriotic heritage.



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 day of March 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-sixth.

TATE REEVES GOVERNOR