

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the education of Mississippi's children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of the state rests; and,

WHEREAS, school boards play a vital role in a representative democracy, directly influencing the education of Mississippi's children; and,

WHEREAS, the effective leadership of school boards is imperative in assuring that students become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society as well as to an ever-changing, more complex world; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to the proper education of all children, believing that they can be successful learners and ultimately productive citizens; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members work with parents, education professionals, business leaders and other community members to create the educational vision communities want for their students; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for Mississippi's school districts; and

WHEREAS, local school board members assure that the educational program is accountable to the community; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are strong advocates for public education, communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to school districts; and,

WHEREAS, School Board Member Recognition Week in Mississippi provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the hundreds of women and men who champion the cause of public education in their role as school board members and the citizens of the communities they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of **February 17-23, 2008** as

School Board Member Recognition Week

in Mississippi and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the vital role of local school board members in ensuring a quality education system, and ultimately in helping assure a strong, viable Mississippi economy.



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-eighth day of December in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven, and in the anniversary of the United State of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

Handwritten signature of Haley Barbour in black ink.

HALEY BARBOUR