

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic education plays in providing a comprehensive, values-based education to approximately 1.6 million young people in 5,938 Catholic schools across our nation which includes approximately 7,525 students in 29 Catholic schools and early childhood centers in Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the 176 years that Catholic Schools throughout Mississippi have educated thousands of students of all faith traditions and varying racial and ethnic backgrounds, in a learning environment of high academic standards, moral values, and religious beliefs supported by the home; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the commitment of parents and guardians who send their children to Catholic schools; and

WHEREAS, we value and appreciate the thousands of teachers and auxiliary personnel who have provided and continue to provide outstanding education to youngsters in Catholic schools and early childhood centers throughout the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 celebration theme, *Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service*, encompasses the mission and values that can be found in Catholic schools: teaching students to become faith-filled disciples, enriched citizens, and future servant leaders in our communities. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants, and leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of January 29 –February 4, 2023, as

Catholic Schools Week

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to join in celebrating and recognizing the incalculable contribution Catholic schools make by educating students in our State and in our Nation.

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 12th day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh




TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR