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Mississippi Health Care Association  
*Leading the way in long-term care.*

**TO:** All Long Term Care Member Facilities

**FROM:** Vanessa Phipps Henderson *vph*  
Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** National Nursing Home Week – “The Spirit of America”  
May 14-20, 2017

**DATE:** April 19, 2017

Enclosed is your copy of this year’s National Nursing Home Week proclamation, which has been signed by Governor Bryant.

The focus of National Nursing Home Week is to honor the residents, staff, volunteers and families of our facilities. This is also a perfect time to introduce the nursing facilities to the public while providing a wide range of special activities for the residents. You should have already received a National Nursing Home Week planning guide from the American Health Care Association to assist you in maximizing local planning and promotional efforts. If for some reason you have not received the planning guide, you may go to [www.ahcancal.org](http://www.ahcancal.org) or [www.mshca.com](http://www.mshca.com) and click on the National Nursing Home Week logo or you may contact MHCA at 601-898-8320 and we will gladly send or fax you the information.

Please send MHCA any publicity or pictures regarding National Nursing Home Week so it can be utilized in MHCA’s public relations campaign.

Have a wonderful National Nursing Home Week!

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, our valued citizens of Mississippi staying in skilled nursing or post-acute care centers have made important contributions to the success and growth of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, care center residents and patients of any age or ability are themselves living history and a precious resource; and

**WHEREAS**, skilled nursing care centers of the American Health Care Association and the Mississippi Health Care Association are holding events in observance of Nursing Home Week guided by this year's theme of "**The Spirit of America**;" and

**WHEREAS**, my administration is committed to improving programs that assist older Americans and people with disabilities in achieving their goals, and we embrace the "**The Spirit of America**" to show older adults and persons with disabilities patience, kindness, respect and compassion:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2017, as

**NURSING HOME WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and adopt the theme of "**The Spirit of America**" as our call to everyone to visit or contact their loved ones, friends or neighbors in a skilled nursing or post-acute care center as a way to acknowledge their contributions to society and to lift the spirits of caregivers who value the community's involvement.



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 eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR