

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The United States of America has the World's finest Navy and is strong and ready with the ability to project power across the sea and ashore by virtue of its surface and subsurface forces, carrier air power, and its Navy-Marine Corps amphibious and special warfare teams; and

WHEREAS, USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) is a nuclear-propelled Nimitz-class air craft carrier named after the former Mississippi senator; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of Sailors are serving aboard or supporting PCU Mississippi (SSN-782), the namesake attack submarine that represents this great state; and

WHEREAS, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport is the proud home of Atlantic Fleet Seabees; and

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Meridian provides safe, efficient air operations and a variety of training; and

WHEREAS, Stennis Space Center is the proud home of 10 Navy units with more than 2,000 employees and Mississippi's only active-duty admiral; and

WHEREAS, Navy Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast headquartered in Pascagoula delivers nearly one half of the Navy's new construction ships; and

WHEREAS, University of Mississippi Naval ROTC in Oxford is a training ground for future Navy and Marine Corps officers; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is one of 21 areas in the United States that has been designated to host a Navy Week in 2011. This honor celebrates the past, present and future of Mississippi's long-standing support and close relationship with our Nation's Navy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the Great State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim the period March 19th through March 27th, 2011 as a special time to show appreciation for our Navy and proclaim it as

Mississippi Navy Week

in the State Mississippi and encourage all citizens to take due note of the observance.



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 seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR