

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Malnutrition Awareness Week™ is an annual campaign led by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) to educate healthcare professionals, government leaders, community agencies, patients, and caregivers on the negative consequences of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and

WHEREAS, experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of healthcare institutions; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, disease-related malnutrition is a highly prevalent form of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions; can play a role in cognitive deterioration and decreased functional capacity; and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients are associated with higher medical costs, longer hospital stays, and a higher mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, with the recognized link between good nutrition and good health, a consistent, collaborative effort among key stakeholders in the public and private sectors across the continuum of care is essential to increase awareness of, reduce, and prevent malnutrition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of Mississippi, do hereby recognize September 18-22, 2023, as

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

in our State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to increase awareness of and promote the importance of working together with healthcare and community leaders to eliminate malnutrition, more specifically within the community of our older adults, in the State of Mississippi.



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 31st day of August 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-eighth.

Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR