

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, each year, Mississippi faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage, or even worse, total destruction to private property and homes; and

**WHEREAS**, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and

**WHEREAS**, predatory practices by nefarious contractors taking advantage of these stressful scenarios ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Mississippians to get at least three written estimates when hiring a contractor, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Mississippi, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, is committed to educating Mississippians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Mississippi are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fifth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 19 – 23, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 – 23, 2025, as

### Contractor Fraud Awareness Week

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to participate in various programs to raise awareness of unscrupulous and predatory practices.



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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, and in the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth



TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR