

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Lung Association, more than 35 million people in the United States live with a chronic lung disease including asthma and COPD; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapy is a medical specialty that focuses on the assessment, management, and treatment of patients with lung disease and other chronic respiratory disorders; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapy originated in the early 1900s by administering basic oxygen therapy and has now evolved to include a range of diagnostic and therapy services; and

WHEREAS, today respiratory therapists administer complex treatments that can include mechanical ventilation to pulmonary rehabilitation, playing a critical role in the management of acute and chronic respiratory conditions; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists work to educate patients about their lung disease so they can manage daily symptoms, reduce hospitalizations, and lower costs associated with their treatment. Their work can be physically demanding and they can face life-threatening situations, including exposure to infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than 129,700 respiratory therapists throughout the United States, and over 1600 respiratory therapists in the state of Mississippi who provide essential clinical and medical care to Mississippians in need of respiratory care services; and

WHEREAS, the American Association for Respiratory Care and the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care celebrate October 20-26, 2024 as Respiratory Care Week to recognize the many contributions of respiratory therapists and other related healthcare professionals who provide essential respiratory care services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, as Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2024 as

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

in the state of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions made by respiratory therapists and express gratitude for their services.



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 21ST day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR