

BLUEPRINT MISSISSIPPI

# Health Care

## An Economic Driver

### DEAR FELLOW MISSISSIPPIAN:

*In my inaugural State of the State address I asked the Mississippi Economic Council to conduct a study to find how we can build greater economic development opportunities in health care. This study provides a framework to evaluate those strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan.*

*I have been fortunate to have much of the work on a long range plan for our state already completed by the Mississippi Economic Council in Blueprint Mississippi. MEC's vision and research, along with the enthusiastic involvement of thousands of Mississippians contributed to this effort. Blueprint's vision is, "To enable a more prosperous, vibrant and resilient Mississippi, built upon a foundation of economic opportunity for all of its citizens." I could not agree more.*

*From cultivating a more robust workforce to promoting health care as an economic driver, I believe the goals of Blueprint Mississippi fit perfectly with my aggressive plans for our future.*

*This is not an academic study but an action plan for the future of health care development all across our state. This is a study unlike anything in the nation; a comprehensive action plan to provide health care as an industry of necessity.*

*By focusing on the increasing need for acute care we can improve the health of our bodies, and the health of our economy, because we know that each new doctor creates an economic impact of approximately 2 million dollars for his or her community. This is indeed economic development.*

*We must be mindful of the increasing demand for health care, realizing that collaboration of all health care providers is the only way to achieve success. We must heal together, research together, and find better ways to serve our citizens together.*



– Governor Phil Bryant

