

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: JIM HOOD, ATTORNEY GENERAL
EX REL. STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

NO. 94-1429

AFFIDAVIT OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AMY TUCK

I, Amy Tuck, hereby testify and affirm that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability:


1. My name is Amy Tuck, and I serve the State of Mississippi as the duly elected Lieutenant Governor. My business address is Post Office Box 1018, Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1018. I am over the age of 21 years and am competent to make this affidavit. The information contained herein is based on my personal knowledge.

2. On May 12, 2005, I sent a letter to Senators Billy Thames, Eugene Clark, and Terry Burton appointing them to review the history and programs of the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, to evaluate the dedication of state funds to the Partnership, to assess the Partnership's successes and shortcomings, and to report those findings to the Mississippi Legislature during the 2006 Regular Session.

3. A true and accurate copy of the May 12, 2005, letter is attached to this affidavit.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

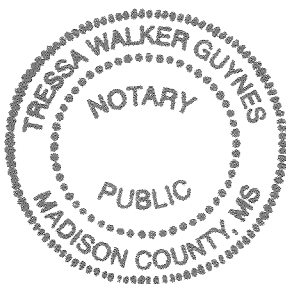
Signed under penalty of perjury, this the 23rd day of May, 2005.


Amy Tuck, Lieutenant Governor

Sworn and subscribed before me, this the 23rd day of May, 2005.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



State of Mississippi



Amy Tuck
Lieutenant Governor

May 12, 2005

Senator Billy Thames
Senator Eugene Clarke
Senator Terry Burton
State Capitol
Jackson, Mississippi

Gentlemen:

As Lieutenant Governor, I am appointing you to review the history and programs of The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi between now and the beginning of the 2006 Regular Session. The Speaker of the Mississippi State House of Representatives has appointed three members to study this issue and I feel it is important that the Mississippi State Senate have input in this process.

The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi began as a pilot program funded with \$61.8 million from the state's 1997 settlement with tobacco companies that was approved by order of the Jackson County Chancery Court. In December 2000, an order was entered in the same chancery court which amended the original tobacco settlement agreement to direct the defendants to pay \$20 million annually to The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi. I am asking you to evaluate the court-ordered dedication of state funds to The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi. My goal is for you to assess the successes and shortcomings of The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi and report those findings to the Mississippi Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Tuck".

Amy Tuck
Lieutenant Governor

AT/jb