

**Federal/State Agreement
USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

The State of Mississippi and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), hereby agree to act in accordance with the provisions of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, implementing regulations and the FNS-approved State Plan of Operation. The State and FNS (USDA) further agree to fully comply with any changes in Federal law and regulations. This agreement may be modified with the mutual written consent of both parties.

The State agrees to:

1. Administer the program in accordance with the provisions contained in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, and in the manner prescribed by regulations issued pursuant to the Act; and to implement the FNS-approved State Plan of Operation.
2. Comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352), section 11© of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-135) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112, section 504) and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these Acts of Department of Agriculture to the effect that, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of sex, race, color, age, political belief, religion, handicap, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under SNAP.
3. Implement the Program in a manner that is responsive to the special needs of American Indians on reservations and consult in good faith with tribal organizations about that portion of the State's Plan of Operation pertaining to the implementation of the Program for members of the tribe on reservations.

FNS agrees to:

1. Pay administrative costs in accordance with the Food and Nutrition Act, implementing regulations, and an approved Cost Allocation Plan.
2. Carry-out any other responsibilities delegated by the Secretary in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended.

Date

10/1/08

Signature

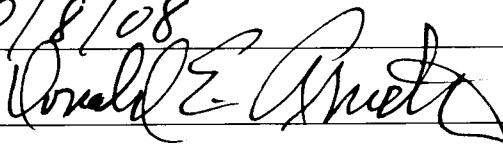


HALEY REEVES BARBOUR, Governor

Date

10/8/08

Signature



DONALD E. ARNETTE, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region FNS