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## **Mary Childs of Ripley elected to chair Mississippi Bankers Association**

JACKSON – Mary Childs, president and chief executive officer of The Peoples Bank, Ripley, has been elected Chairman of the Mississippi Bankers Association (MBA) for 2018-19.

As MBA Chairman, Childs will chair the association’s MBA Board of Directors and Executive Committee. She becomes the first woman ever elected to lead the MBA in its 129-year history. Childs was elected by the MBA membership last month at the association’s annual convention, and her term will run through the May 2019 convention. The MBA is a statewide trade association whose membership includes commercial banks and savings institutions operating in Mississippi. MBA members hold more than 95 percent of bank deposits in the state.

Childs joined The Peoples Bank, Ripley, in 1990 and now serves as president and chief executive officer. She has 38 years of experience in the financial services industry, with 28 years served at The Peoples Bank. Childs received her bachelor’s degree in banking and finance from Mississippi State University.

Childs’ extensive involvement in the MBA includes serving as MBA Treasurer and Vice Chairman, as president of the MBA Education Foundation, and as a member of the MBA Legislative, Planning and Compensation committees. She also chaired the association’s Women in Banking Conference in 2016.

Among her many civic and community activities, Childs is chairman of the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi, and a member of the Mississippi State University College of Business Executive Advisory Board. She also serves on the boards of the Create Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of North Mississippi, and the Northeast Mississippi Community College Foundation. She is treasurer of the Tippah County MSU Alumni Association and a Tippah County 4-H volunteer.

Childs lives in Ripley with her husband, Cary. Childs’ son, Bob Glover, and his wife Amberly are parents of her three grandchildren, Snow, Graham and Pierce.

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