WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is expected to be adversely affected by flooding of the Mississippi River and its tributaries and by rising coastal tides, beginning on March 10, 2016, and continuing, as a result of rising waters due to rainfall across the state, which is expected to continue over wide areas of Mississippi, and which may require sheltering of evacuees in areas throughout the state; and thus state assistance will be necessary to support local government response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, civil authorities will require support from the Mississippi National Guard to cope with said emergency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 119 and 217, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and Miss. Code Ann. Sections 7-1-5, 33-7-301 and 33-7-305, do hereby direct Major General Augustus L. Collins, Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, to order out such officers and enlisted personnel of the Mississippi National Guard as he deems necessary and requisite and for such duration as he deems appropriate to assist state and local civil authorities. Major General Collins will be in direct Command of the troops ordered to active duty and will use such equipment as may be found necessary in his opinion to accomplish the support mission of the Mississippi National Guard troops. The members of the Mississippi National Guard ordered to active duty under the provisions of this Order shall be subject to the provisions, privileges and immunities of the State of Mississippi, including those governing the Mississippi National Guard. Major General Collins is authorized to request and accept such federal funding as may be available for the Mississippi National Guard under Title 32 of the United States Code and otherwise.

FURTHER, the pay and expenses of the troops ordered to State Active Duty shall be paid as provided in Miss. Code Ann. Sections 33-7-313, 33-7-315 and 33-9-15, unless said pay and expenses are borne by the United States of America pursuant to Title 32 of the United States Code or otherwise. All costs will be reimbursed as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. Section 33-15-307(4)(g) and/or other applicable Mississippi or federal law.

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, this the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE