EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1038

WHEREAS the State of Mississippi is expected to be adversely affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico over the entire coastline of Mississippi including, but not limited to the Barrier Islands, Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties, the state’s wetlands and tidelands and other affected areas, and 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, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 119 and Section 217, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and Sections 7-1-5, 33-7-301, 33-7-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, do hereby direct Major General William Freeman, 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 Freeman 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 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 National Guard. Major General Freeman 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 Sections 33-7-313, 33-7-315 & 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 Section 33-15-307 4(g), the Mississippi Disaster Assistance Act of 1993, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to the extent not borne by the United States of America.

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 thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

Haley Barbour
GOVERNOR