STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1938, Veterans Day became an official federal holiday in the United States and will be observed by the federal government this year on Friday, November 10, 2023 pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 6103(b); and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is celebrated annually on the eleventh day of November, coinciding with the anniversary of the end of World War I, to recognize and honor all the men and women who have served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Mississippi Code Ann. § 3-3-7(1), Veterans Day (Armistice Day) is declared a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day all Mississippians should stand united in recognition and remembrance of the heroism of those who have answered the call of duty to defend our great nation, and in the words of President Reagan: "*We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause.*"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and applicable statutes, including Mississippi Code Ann. § 3-3-7(1), do hereby make known that all offices of the State of Mississippi shall be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023, in observance of Veterans Day.

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, on the 25th day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE