

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



Executive Order No. 1023

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi recognizes the importance of safeguarding the citizens of this State against the possibility of a threat or act of terrorism or man-made disaster as well as the need for intelligence analysis regarding organized criminal activity;

WHEREAS, it is expedient and essential to coordinate and connect all levels of law enforcement, public safety agencies, including military, fire, health and transportation agencies in order to detect and deter criminal acts and acts of terrorism as well as respond to such events, including natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State, and local agencies have collaborated to organize and create the Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC) to improve intelligence gathering and sharing among public safety and public service agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, based on those considerations, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC) shall be created *de jure* and shall function as a part of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety within the Office of Homeland Security and shall be managed by the Director of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security at the direction of the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.
2. The Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC) will perform the following functions:
  - A. Support the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security strategy of providing protection to citizens and maintaining the economic stability of the State of Mississippi by emphasizing intelligence coordination between federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector organizations in order to prevent potential terrorist attacks and aid in response to attacks as well as response to organized criminal activity.
  - B. Assist in eliminating interagency barriers by both obtaining and sharing appropriate information with federal, state, local, tribal and private partners.
  - C. Assist all federal, state and local law enforcement with their requests for information on suspects by utilizing available databases.
  - D. Serve as a conduit for law enforcement's request for information from other state fusion centers.
  - E. Provide the participating agencies with uniform information sharing capabilities related to all criminal and terrorist related activities as well as information pertaining to natural and man-made disasters.
3. The Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC) will be manned as provided for by the Director of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security. Subject to the rules provided for within the State Personnel Board, the Director of MSAIC may employ professional personnel, technical analysts, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out this executive order. Subject to available money and the contracting laws of the State of Mississippi, the Director of MSAIC may employ contract analysts as necessary to carry out this executive order.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon its execution and shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor.

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, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.



HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE