

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1534

Lowering of Flags in Honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

WHEREAS, 2,403 Americans, including military and naval personnel that were members of the American Pacific Fleet and civilians, were killed during an unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, by Japanese forces during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice as a result of their dedicated service to the United States military, defending our nation in the face of this tragedy with resolve, determination, and courage; and

WHEREAS, December 7, 1941, should be remembered in our nation's history as a defining moment when the American military stepped forward to protect our freedom, preserve our liberty, and secure the future of democracy for the United States and nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 1994, the United States Congress designated December 7th as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, this year's Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day follows the nationwide commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a day of official remembrance in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction on December 7, 2020, in honor of the individuals who died in the service of America at Pearl Harbor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

**TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR**



BY THE GOVERNOR:

**MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE**