

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1548

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of extreme freezing temperatures and severe winter weather, including snow and freezing rain beginning February 13, 2021, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi was severely affected by extreme freezing temperatures and severe winter weather causing damage to homes, businesses, and public property, and threatening the safety of the citizens and property; and

WHEREAS, civil authorities with the City of Jackson have requested support from the Mississippi National Guard to cope with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, all available local and state resources have been deployed or expended and assistance from the Mississippi National Guard is necessary to support state assistance to the City of Jackson to further its response and recovery efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, 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 Janson D. Boyles, Adjutant General, 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 cope with this emergency. Specifically, Major General Boyles is directed to utilize the assets of the Mississippi National Guard to provide non-potable water to the City of Jackson. Major General Boyles 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. 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 Boyles 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, on the 23RD day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one, 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