

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER 1552

WHEREAS, throughout our Nation's history, members of the Armed Forces have made great sacrifices to keep America strong and free, and to help spread the promise of liberty to all corners of the globe; and

WHEREAS, when the stakes were highest, Mississippi's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen answered the call of duty and many made the ultimate sacrifice for the security of our country and the peace of the world; and

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, we honor and reflect upon the courageous men and women in uniform who, to secure our freedom, have given their lives in service to our Nation and the cause of liberty; and

WHEREAS, Congress, by joint resolution, has requested that the President designate each year a period on Memorial Day for all Americans to unite in prayer for permanent peace, and also Congress has designated 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2021, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation ordering all flags of the United States of America to be flown at half-staff on all public buildings and grounds until noon on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, in honor of all fallen members of the Armed Forces, and designates the hour beginning in each locality at 11:00 a.m. of that day as a time to unite in prayer; and

WHEREAS, in the words of President George H. W. Bush: "Whether we observe the occasion through public ceremony or through private prayer, Memorial Day leaves few hearts unmoved. Each of the patriots whom we remember on this day was first a beloved son or daughter, a brother or sister, or a spouse, friend, and neighbor."

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 order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction from sunrise until noon on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, then raised to the top of the staff, and call on all Mississippians to unite in prayer for permanent peace beginning at 11:00 a.m. and observe a National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31.



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 28th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Michael Watson in blue ink.

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE