

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER 1555

WHEREAS, Mississippi mourns the death of Jackson County Supervisor Melton Harris, Jr., who passed away on July 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Harris was a leader and true public servant in the community. He was first elected to the Jackson County Board of Supervisors in 2008, and served as a representative for District 2, which covers parts of southeast Jackson County, serving as board president in 2010, 2015, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Harris was born and raised in Grenada and graduated from Carrie Dotson High School in 1965, and then went on to Tougaloo College, where he earned a degree in mathematics and physics; and

WHEREAS, Harris served his nation in the armed forces and was honorably discharged as a military policeman from service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era; and

WHEREAS, Harris was employed by Chevron Refinery, retiring in 1999; and

WHEREAS, in their time of loss, the prayers of this State are with his wife, Portia Harris; daughters, Donise and Melani; son, Marcus; and his many other family members and friends:

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 the State Flag be flown at half-staff on all public buildings and grounds in Jackson County, Mississippi, from sunrise until sunset on Friday, July 23, 2021, in memory of Supervisor Melton Harris, Jr.

IN TESTIMONY 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 21st day of July, 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-sixth.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR



MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE