EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1558

WHEREAS, on August 28, 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 the anticipated impact of Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. § 19-11-11 requires the board of supervisors of each county to adopt, by resolution, a final budget by September 15 each year of the county’s expenditures, revenues, cash balances, and amount of funds necessary for the next fiscal year, as well as the budget of estimated expenses for the county department of education; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. § 21-35-5 requires the governing authorities of each municipality in Mississippi to prepare a complete budget by September 15 each year of the municipality’s revenues, expenses and working cash balances estimated for the next fiscal year, and to prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenue collected during the current year in said municipality for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida made landfall on August 30, 2021 along the Louisiana/Mississippi coast line, with Mississippi on the eastern and more dangerous side of the storm with storm surge and other impact to the Mississippi Gulf Coast region over the course of the following several days; and

WHEREAS, due to disruption, delays and impact caused by Hurricane Ida along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and inland in Adams, Amite, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, and Wilkinson Counties, and the municipalities located therein may be unable to timely and adequately comply with the statutory deadlines in Miss. Code Ann. §§ 19-11-11 and 21-35-5, to the extent they have not yet done so; and

WHEREAS, the September 15 deadlines set out in Miss. Code Ann. §§ 19-11-11 and 21-35-5 should be extended through Friday, September 17, 2021, in order to provide additional time, if necessary, to these twenty-four (24) Gulf Coast and inland Counties and the municipalities located therein to be able to timely complete their budget process and comply with the requirements set forth in these statutes.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, including Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(e)(1) and (4), do hereby order and direct as follows:

Due to the impact of Hurricane Ida and to cope with the emergency created thereby, the September 15, 2021, deadlines set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §§ 19-11-11 and 21-35-5 should be, and are hereby suspended and extended through September 17, 2021, for Adams, Amite, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, and Wilkinson Counties, and the municipalities located therein in order to allow these counties and municipalities to timely comply with and complete their budget requirements set forth in these statutes.

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 3rd day of September, 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