STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1566

WHEREAS, Mississippi mourns the passing of Greenville police officer Investigator Myiesha Breanna Stewart, a dedicated and courageous law enforcement officer who was mortally wounded in the line of duty on October 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Stewart, the daughter of Michael Bernard Stewart and Petula Carter, was born on September 9, 1992, in Greenville, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Stewart was a graduate of Norma C. O'Bannon High School, where she starred on the basketball team earning player of the year, MVP honors, and was selected to the All-Regional and All-District teams; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from high school, Investigator Stewart attended Mississippi Delta Community College and continued her stellar basketball career being named to the First Team in the All-Star game; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Investigator Stewart enrolled at Delta State University, earning a bachelor's degree in social justice and criminology, and also played for the Lady Statesmen basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Stewart joined the Greenville Police Department and on March 25, 2021, graduated from the Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy; and

WHEREAS, during her years of devoted public service with the Greenville Police Department, Investigator Stewart rose quickly through the ranks and obtained the title of Investigator on November 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the outpouring of love and support following the tragic death of this fallen hero reflects the deep appreciation and gratitude of all Mississippians for Investigator Stewart and the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, the tragic loss of Investigator Stewart has left so many suffering in Greenville and is a stark reminder of how fragile life on Earth can be – and of the sacrifices made each and every day by Investigator Stewart's brothers and sisters in law enforcement across Mississippi and around this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with Investigator Stewart's parents; her three-year old son Jace Stewart, her brother, Christopher Carter, two sisters, Shmyra Garrison and Rhomika Stewart, and all of her other family members, many friends and colleagues, and the members of the Old Jerusalem M.B. Church in Greenville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, and 4 USC § 7(m) do hereby proclaim a day of official mourning in the State of Mississippi in memory of Investigator Myiesha Breanna Stewart and direct that 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 beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Friday, October 21, 2022.

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 19th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.

TATE REEVES GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

MICHAEL WATSON SECRETARY OF STATE