

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1568

**WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2022, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), and in consultation with the Mississippi State Department of Health (“MSDH”) and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (“MEMA”), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Jackson and surrounding areas of Hinds County that receive water from the O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, in each subsequent month, I have consulted with the Executive Director of MEMA and the State Health Officer regarding the need for continuing this State of Emergency, and the emergency has been extended on two occasions: first on September 28, 2022, to expire on October 28, 2022; and second on October 28, 2022, to expire on November 22, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, immediately following the declaration of this State of Emergency, the MEMA and the MSDH established the State Incident Command Center to take all necessary actions to abate the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, in less than 72 hours after the emergency was declared, water pressure was returned to the City of Jackson, and in less than 15 days the boil water alert was lifted. To date, the state has incurred obligations totaling approximately \$13 million in connection with this emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 31, 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency announced the results of its water sampling finding that the water from both the O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant and the J.H. Fewell Water Treatment Plant is safe to drink; and on November 8, 2022, the MSDH announced that lead and copper sampling showed the system’s water below EPA action levels for the latest six-month testing period; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 11, 2022, the Jackson City Council approved an emergency contract with WaterTalent, LLC to provide Class A operators through February 28, 2023, or until the City enters into an operations and maintenance contract with a third-party; and

**WHEREAS**, Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17) mandates that I shall proclaim the termination of this emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the efforts of the MEMA, the MSDH, the Mississippi National Guard, the leadership of the State Incident Command Center, Jackson public works operators, and the EMAC workers who answered MEMA’s call, emergency repairs have been completed at Jackson’s failed water treatment plants, clean water has been restored to the City and surrounding areas of Hinds County, and the emergency has been abated.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17) and in consultation with the MSDH and the MEMA, do hereby terminate the State of Emergency for the City of Jackson and surrounding areas of Hinds County that receive water from the O. B. Curtis Plant effective at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.



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 22<sup>ND</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and 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