

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1572

WHEREAS, Mississippi mourns the passing of volunteer firefighter and EMT Philip Samuel Allan, a courageous public servant who was mortally wounded in the line of duty on May 17, 2023, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, Allan, the son of Gilbert and the late Linda Herrin Allan was born on January 24, 1974, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Allan a graduate of Forrest County AHS in Brooklyn, Mississippi, attended Jones County Junior College where he obtained an Associate of Arts Degree and then began his career as a first responder as a National Registered EMT; and

WHEREAS, Allan later obtained his 1001 Based Firefighter training and many other certifications through the Mississippi State Fire Academy and served as a volunteer firefighter for the Magee Volunteer Fire Department and various other fire departments in Covington and Smith Counties for nearly twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a firefighter and EMT, Allan worked for over twenty-five years as a police dispatcher for various sheriff and police departments in Simpson, Covington, Smith and Rankin Counties; and

WHEREAS, Allan committed his life to public service and, in the words of Collins Fire Chief John Pope, “was the kind of firefighter you were proud to serve alongside”; and

WHEREAS, every single day across Mississippi, our first responders and law enforcement officers like Philip Allan place their lives on the line in constant and repeated acts of selfless sacrifice for their community. They are a key reason that the rest of us are safely and freely able to live our lives; 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 Allan and the first responder community; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with Allan’s loving wife of twenty-five years, Jean Robinson Allan; son, Michael Allan; daughter, Jessica Allan; father, Gilbert Allan; sister, Sonya Sumrall (Ronny); a host of other family members, many friends, the first responder community and the members of the Corinth Baptist Church.

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 Philip Samuel Allan 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 Saturday, May 20, 2023. Allan will be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother, nephew and friend.



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 May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, 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