

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1573

WHEREAS, Mississippi mourns the passing of Madison police officer Horren Randall (“Randy”) Tyler, a courageous law enforcement officer of forty years who was mortally wounded in the line of duty on June 1, 2023 at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Chief Tyler was born on November 21, 1958, in Jackson, Mississippi and was a graduate of the 228th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Chief Tyler joined the Madison Police Department in 2016 and in addition to being a valued member of the Department's Special Response Team (SWAT Team), he served as the Department's Field Training Coordinator, responsible for overseeing the training and career development of newly hired police officers, and a supervisor in the Department's Narcotics Division; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Madison Police Department, Chief Tyler served for twenty-seven years with the Ridgeland Police Department, retiring as the Chief of Police in 2015; and

WHEREAS, every single day across Mississippi, our law enforcement officers like Chief Tyler 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. They are the thin blue line; 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 Chief Tyler and the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, the tragic loss of Chief Tyler has left so many suffering in Madison and is a stark reminder of how fragile life on Earth can be – and of the sacrifices made each and every day by Chief Tyler’s brothers and sisters in blue across Mississippi and around this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of the State of Mississippi are with Chief Tyler’s wife, his children, other family members, many friends and the law enforcement community.

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 Chief Horren Randall Tyler 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 on Thursday, June 8, 2023, and ending at sunset on Friday, June 9, 2023. Chief Tyler will always be remembered as a dedicated law enforcement officer, and he will be sorely missed by all his colleagues, family and friends.



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 7th day of June, 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