

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1576

WHEREAS, Mississippi mourns the passing of Jeremy Todd Malone, a dedicated and distinguished law enforcement officer who lost his life in the line of duty while serving his community on January 4, 2024, at the age of 44; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Malone was born on July 13, 1979, and was a 1998 graduate of Perry Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Malone was a 2002 graduate of MLEOTA and served in many law enforcement agencies across the State, including the Leakesville Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Biloxi Police Department, Greene County Sheriff's Department and George County Sheriff's Department, among others; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Malone had a heart for public service, volunteering for many projects including the Santa Wears a Badge and the Blue Line Toy Drive; and

WHEREAS, the greatest joy in Deputy Malone's life was spending time with his loving wife Hilary, and his three beautiful daughters Abbie, Alivia and Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Malone was often described as larger than life, and he was a man of immense character and kindness, and a pillar of the community beloved by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Governor Tate Reeves: "*Mississippi will always remember Deputy Malone. Our state remains deeply thankful for all our law enforcement officers who bravely place their lives on the line every day in defense of our communities.*"; and

WHEREAS, every single day across Mississippi, our law enforcement officers like Deputy Malone 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 Deputy Malone and the law enforcement community; and

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

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with Deputy Malone's beloved wife and three beautiful daughters; his mother, Sherrye Eubanks; his brothers, Jason (Adele) Malone and Scottie (Brittany) Anders; his loving aunt, Voncile Byrd; his mother-in-law, Connie Coulter; his sister-in-law, Heather (Tony) Ferguson; his fellow law enforcement officers throughout multiple agencies across the state; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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 Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone 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, January 12, 2024. Deputy Malone will be remembered as a man deeply devoted to his family, the communities he served and his Brothers and Sisters in Blue.




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 10th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:


MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE