

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1037

**WHEREAS**, on the morning of April 24, 2010, Mississippi was struck by several tornadoes and other severe weather, cutting a wide swath of destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, this severe weather system caused great devastation to human life and property in Choctaw, Desoto, Forrest, Holmes, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lauderdale, Marion, Marshall, Oktibbeha, Simpson, Tallahatchie, Union, Warren, Webster and Yazoo Counties with at least ten deaths, multiple injuries and hundreds of homes damaged or destroyed by this storm that traveled at least 150 miles across the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency response crews, law enforcement, fire and rescue officials, and residents across the State of Mississippi exhibited great courage, generosity, resilience and a willingness to selflessly help neighbors in need; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2010, an oil rig located in the Gulf of Mexico exploded, resulting in serious injuries to several crew members and causing the rig to sink; eleven crew members are missing and presumed dead, among those are residents of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, following these tragic events affecting our State, this week is an appropriate time to memorialize the lives lost; and

**WHEREAS**, the prayers of the people of the State are with the families and friends of the victims of the tornadoes and the oil rig explosion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Haley Barbour, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2010 a day of prayer in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of 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 April 27, 2010, and ending April 30, 2010.

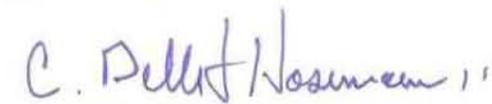


**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

  
HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

  
C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE