

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1596

WHEREAS, Mississippi mourns the passing of Claiborne County Sheriff's Deputy Terrian Earl Bailey, Sr., a dedicated public servant who tragically lost his life on September 7, 2026, at the age of 45, while bravely serving the community he cherished; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bailey was born on January 5, 1981, in Port Gibson, the son of Joe and Lucinda Stewart. He graduated from Port Gibson High School in 1999, worked in a variety of security jobs, and joined the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department six years ago; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bailey was a devoted family man and shared his life with his wife, Detranell, and delighted in his five children, Kimori, Ro'Terria, Terrian Jr., King, and Onyx, along with his four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bailey was beloved by all, and he was a true embodiment of warmth—welcoming everyone as a friend. His life was marked by dedication, kindness and compassion. Deputy Bailey, affectionately known as “Phat”, thrived in the company of family and friends, whether indulging in his love of football, tailgating, cooking or making others laugh; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bailey's legacy of service and love will forever endure and be a constant reminder of a life beautifully lived. In the words of Governor Reeves: *“Deputy Bailey, like all first responders and law enforcement officers, represents the very best of Mississippi. All of Mississippi stands with them as we honor and mourn this hero who has been taken from us too soon.”*; 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 Bailey and the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of the State are with Deputy Bailey's wife; his five children and four grandchildren; his parents; his sister, LaTasha Smith; his brother, Mikal Bailey, as well as a host of other family members 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 Claiborne County Sheriff's Deputy Terrian Earl Bailey, Sr., 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, September 19, 2026, in memory of Deputy Bailey. Mississippi will forever remember Deputy Bailey for his selfless service and dedication to his community, and his spirit will forever echo in the hearts of those he touched. Deputy Bailey's legacy will live on through his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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 17th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fifty-first.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

