

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi has been affected by consecutive days of severe storms including continuous heavy rainfall and strong winds associated with Tropical Storm Arthur causing major flooding throughout the State beginning June 15, 2026, and continuing, and thus state assistance is necessary to support statewide local governments' response and recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, these storms have caused damage to homes, businesses, and public property and threatened the safety of the residents and property throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, these storms and associated flooding at present have impacted at least ten (10) counties threatening and impairing roadways, energy infrastructure, and important natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas of the State, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect people and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Mississippi Constitution and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in the areas of the State of Mississippi that have been affected or may be affected by these storms. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed in Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17).

**FURTHER**, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary as set forth in the State of Mississippi's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

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

**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, two hundred and fiftieth.

Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

**TATE REEVES**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

Handwritten signature of Michael Watson in black ink.

**MICHAEL WATSON**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**