STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

Executive Order 1521

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the peace and safety of our nation was devastated by the worst terrorist attack on the American people in our history. This attack killed thousands of innocent and brave men, women and children at the World Trade Center towers in New York City, at the United States Pentagon, and in the pristine fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The terrorist's aim was to destroy our nation and strike fear to the hearts of Americans. Instead, from the very ashes of that heartbreak arose an amazing determination of unity and compassion that will never be forgotten. We will never forget those who were lost and injured on that day and those who rose in service during the rescue and recovery effort and in defense of our nation both here at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, as we mark the 19th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks on America, we remember those lost and injured on that tragic day and the many who gave of themselves in service to their communities and to this country in the aftermath of the attacks; and

WHEREAS, the events of that day instantly transformed people's lives, some through personal loss and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage and service; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, many citizens may wish to memorialize September 11 by participating in acts of community service, observing a moment of silence, or engaging in other charitable activities, as part of a solemn day of remembrance and tribute; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day," and by Public Law 111-13 approved April 21, 2009, the Congress has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance:"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order 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 until sunset Friday, September 11, 2020. I also call upon all citizens of the state of Mississippi to participate in a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and do hereby proclaim September 11, 20, the 19th Anniversary of 9/11 as

PATRIOT DAY
AND A DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE

in the state of Mississippi in tribute to all of the victims of 9/11 and the many who rose in service in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR:

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE