STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1511

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Mississippi significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health announced new and expanded measures to increase testing and data analysis to identify regions and localities that are at higher risk for transmission of COVID-19 and to provide more location-specific restrictions and limitation of movement and social interaction to combat the virus in those regions and localities; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1492 establishing the statewide Safe Return order to restart the economy, open all businesses and non-profits operating within the State of Mississippi, and permit the resumption of community activities subject to limitations to minimize person to person interactions and associated risk of transmission of COVID-19 effective 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, and remaining in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 1492, as amended and extended by Executive Orders 1496, 1500, 1505 and 1508 has been extended and remains in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi must protect lives while restoring livelihoods, both of which can be achieved with the expert advice of medical professionals and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, continuing to follow a measured and strategic plan to allow all businesses and non-profits to continue to operate within the State of Mississippi is essential to the health, safety and well-being of Mississippi residents; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases over the past few weeks, and in consultation with the State Health Officer, it is necessary to amend the Safe Return order to adopt further measures to disrupt the spread of the virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order and direct as follows:

I. Paragraph I(c) of Executive Order 1492 is amended and superseded as follows: ***Group Gatherings (Indoor):*** Social gathering/activities shall be limited to a maximum of 10 participants indoor. All individuals shall maintain social

distancing of a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals not in the same household. This limitation shall not apply to religious entities, students in classrooms or gatherings in facilities governed by other capacity limitations.

II. Paragraph I(d) of Executive Order 1492 is amended and superseded as follows: ***Group Gatherings (Outdoor):*** Social gathering/activities shall be limited to a maximum of 20 participants outdoor. All individuals shall maintain social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals not in the same household. This limitation shall not apply to religious entities or gatherings governed by other capacity limitations.

III. Paragraph I(a) of Executive Order 1496 is amended to limit the sale of alcohol in bars to only seated patrons. Bars shall continue to be subject to the additional limitations in Paragraph I(a) and its subparts of Executive Order 1478, including limiting the number of customers in the bar to 50% of maximum capacity and updating floor plans to ensure at least six feet of separation between each party/group and limiting party sizes to a maximum of six customers per table.

IV. Paragraph I(f)(vii) of Executive Order 1492 incorporating Paragraph I(a) of Executive Order 1478, and Paragraph I(a) of Executive Order 1496 are amended and superseded as follows: Restaurants and bars shall not sell alcohol between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

V. This Executive Order shall be effective upon execution and shall remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020, unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded.

IN TESTIMONY 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 24TH day of July, 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 GOVERNOR

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE