# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## *Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1498**

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi mourns the passing of James H. Blair, a courageous Mississippi Deputy Sheriff, who was killed in the line of duty at the age of 77; and

**WHEREAS,** Deputy Blair was born on March 18, 1943, to James Milton Blair and Marie (Butler) Blair; and

**WHEREAS,** Deputy Blair served in law enforcement for over 50 years, as a Deputy Sheriff with the Simpson County Sheriff's Department and as a crossing guard for his grandchildren's school, Simpson Central; and

**WHEREAS,** he was known for his honesty, integrity and courage, as well as for his service and commitment to the people of the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS,** the prayers of this State are with Deputy Blair's wife, Dorothy Joyce (Waller) Blair; sons, Randy Blair, Mike Blair (Tammy), John Smith; daughters, Vicki Blair, Stacy Blair (Cheek), Kimberly Boyd, Debra Brumbeloe; brother, Archie Blair; sister, Charlotte Johnson; his grandchildren; great-grandchildren and his many 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, do hereby proclaim a day of official mourning in the State of Mississippi in memory of Deputy Sheriff James H. Blair, and do hereby order the State Flag on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction fly at half-staff, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

**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 16th day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE