STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1459

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, on March 11, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health confirmed the first presumptive case of COVID-19 in Mississippi and as of March 16, 2020, there are 12 presumptive and confirmed cases in Mississippi that have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is being adversely affected by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and there exists a continued threat to the public's safety, private property and the social and economic welfare to the state; and state assistance will be necessary to support local government response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, civil authorities may require support from the Mississippi National Guard to cope with said emergency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 119 and 217, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and Miss. Code Ann. Sections 7-1-5, 33-7-301 and 33-7-305, do hereby direct Major General Janson D. Boyles, Adjutant General, to order out such officers and enlisted personnel of the Mississippi National Guard as he deems necessary and requisite for such duration as he deems appropriate to assist state and local civil authorities. Major General Boyles will be in direct Command of the troops ordered to active duty and will use such equipment as necessary in his opinion to accomplish the support mission. The members of the Mississippi National Guard ordered to active duty under the provisions of this Order shall be subject to the provisions, privileges and immunities of the State of Mississippi, including those governing the Mississippi National Guard. Major General Boyles is authorized to request and accept such federal funding as may be available for the Mississippi National Guard under Title 32 of the United States Code and otherwise.

FURTHER, the pay and expenses of the troops ordered to State Active Duty shall be paid as provided in Miss. Code Ann. Sections 33-7-313, 33-7-315 and 33-9-15, unless said pay and expenses are borne by the United States of America pursuant to Title 32 of the United States Code or otherwise. All costs will be reimbursed as authorized by Miss. Code Ann. Section 33-15-307(4)(g) and/or other applicable Mississippi or federal law.

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 16 day of March, 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-fourth.

Tate Reeves

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GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

Michael Watson

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SECRETARY OF STATE