STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1473

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 impact the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the risk of spread of COVID-19 within Mississippi constitutes a public emergency that may result in substantial injury or harm to life, health, and property within Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for responding to COVID-19 recommends avoiding crowds as much as possible, especially for older adults and individuals with serious chronic medical conditions and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) has recommended avoiding social gatherings where 10 people or more may come into close contact; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the MSDH 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 April 1, 2020, in order to minimize the risk of possible further transmission of COVID-19 and related measures, I issued Executive Order No. 1466 instituting a statewide Shelter in Place effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, and remaining in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended; and

WHEREAS, although the transmission of COVID-19 has slowed across much of the State of Mississippi, certain measures to disrupt and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus within the State and to manage needed healthcare and emergency management resources ordered by Executive Order No. 1466 must remain in place; accordingly, all individuals residing in the State of Mississippi will need to continue to temporarily remain in their home or place of residence, and certain businesses and public amenities need to remain temporarily remain closed to the public; and

WHEREAS in light of the significant economic impact on employees and businesses in Mississippi as a result of measures necessary to cope with the COVID-19 public emergency, in consultation with the State Health Officer, there are certain measures that will allow essential economic activity through limited retail sales that will not significantly impact the State's efforts to cope with the COVID-19 public emergency.

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, and in consultation with the State Health Officer do hereby order and direct as follows:

I. The statewide Shelter in Place instituted in Executive Order 1466 is extended and shall remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020, except as follows:

   a. Paragraph I(d)(ii) ***Non-essential Business and Operations Cease*** Minimum Operations is amended to allow retail sales by non-essential businesses and operations limited to drive-thru, curbside, and/or delivery services provided such non-essential businesses and operations implement precautions to ensure adherence to the standards of Paragraph I(b)(iii)

of Executive Order 1466 including social distancing requirements (maintaining a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals), restrictions of gathering of persons (no gatherings in groups of more than 10 people), regular and proper hand-washing and personal hygiene, and adherence to the most recent regulations or guidelines issued by the MSDH and CDC.

b. Paragraph I(f)(ii) ***Prohibited Activities*** is amended to allow beaches, state park lakes, state lakes and reservoirs to re-open on limited basis as follows:
   i. Recreational boating with appropriate social distancing to the extent available inside the watercraft shall be permitted on state park lakes, state lakes and reservoirs.
   ii. The number of persons in each watercraft shall be limited to the greater of two (2) occupants or 50% of the occupancy limit of all multi-person watercraft.
   iii. Fishing from the watercraft or from the banks of state park lakes, state lakes and reservoirs shall be permitted with appropriate social distancing requirements (maintaining a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals). But all fishing tournaments are prohibited.
   iv. Parks (not including walking trails), beaches and sandbars associated with state park lakes, state lakes and reservoirs shall remain closed.
   v. Boat ramps shall be open and accessible as follows: (a) boat ramps associated with state park lakes and state lakes shall be open; (b) boat ramps located in Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD) parks will remain closed as long as the parks remain closed; and (c) boat ramps located outside of PRVWSD parks (including Fannin Landing, Madison Landing, and Rankin Landing) will be open.
   vi. All Mississippi beaches along coastal waterways, including those abutting the Mississippi sound, municipal beach parks, beach areas and piers may re-open for purposes of individual recreation as determined by local authority and under such limitations and restrictions as may be imposed by local authority provided such restrictions require at a minimum adherence to the standards of Paragraph I(b)(iii) of Executive Order 1466 including social distancing requirements (maintaining a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals), restrictions of gathering of persons (no gatherings in groups of more than 10 people), and adherence to the most recent regulations or guidelines issued by the MSDH and CDC.

c. Paragraph I(g)(iii) ***Essential Activities*** is amended to permit recreational boating, fishing, and use of beaches under such limitations imposed by local authorities pursuant to Paragraph I(f)(ii).

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 17th day of April, 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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