

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has been affected by severe storms, producing strong tornadoes, high straight-line winds, flash flooding and hail from May 6, 2026, to May 7, 2026, and thus state assistance is necessary to support statewide local governments' response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, these storms have caused damage to homes, businesses and public property throughout the State of Mississippi and have threatened the safety of residents and property throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, these storms impacted an over 21,000-acre area in the Homochitto National Forest that left over 610,000 tons of downed and damaged timber creating an immediate risk to the life and safety of nearby residents and responders due to the restricted access and hazardous debris threatening roadways, energy infrastructure and important natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the storm, damage assessments immediately were conducted by local governments and state partners, and joint damage assessments with FEMA were requested and now have been completed, with damages validated; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas of the State, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect people and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Mississippi Constitution and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in the areas of the State of Mississippi affected by these severe storms. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed by Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17).

FURTHER, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary as set forth in the State of Mississippi's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

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 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, two hundred and fifty.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR



MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE