

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the counties of Adams, Alcorn, Attala, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Coahoma, Covington, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Issaquena, Kemper, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Leake, Leflore, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Panola, Pike, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Rankin, Scott, Smith, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Yalobusha, Webster, and Yazoo and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, along with other parts of the State of Mississippi were severely affected by severe thunderstorms and tornadoes beginning on April 26 and continuing throughout April 27, 2011, which included torrential rain, damaging winds, hail, flooding, lightning and tornadoes, and thus state assistance will be necessary to support local government response and recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, this severe spring weather system has caused at least five known deaths, more than 30 injuries, damage to homes, businesses, and public property, and threatened the safety of the citizens and property throughout the state; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 33-15-11(b)(17), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, 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 this severe weather system. 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 in Section 33-15-11(b)(17), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

**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 twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

  
**HALEY BARBOUR**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

**C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**