

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1317**

Executive Orders Nos. 915 (Jan. 13, 2004) and 1290 (Mar. 13, 2012) are hereby superseded as follows:

**WHEREAS**, State of Mississippi military installations, infrastructure, and personnel make important contributions to our national security and our State's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi communities have organized teams that have engaged in active efforts to support these military installations; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these Mississippi communities have achieved success not only in defending their installations but also in enhancing these installations to the benefit of the State of Mississippi and the United States as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the experience, contacts, and knowledge developed by these community teams can be invaluable to the State of Mississippi and other communities in regard to future efforts to defend and enhance the State's military installations; and

**WHEREAS**, these communities have worked closely with the State of Mississippi since 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress is expected to authorize at least one Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round within the next few years, which could result in major reductions in military infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Defense continues to engage in other initiatives and efforts that may make substantial changes in infrastructure, personnel, and funding for Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard forces located within the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi would benefit from the active involvement of communities with military installations, both in seeking to avoid reductions in infrastructure, personnel, and funding and in seeking to attract new missions, new facilities, and increased defense-related employment; and

**WHEREAS**, these communities are desirous of working together with the State of Mississippi for the benefit of the entire State;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, and having previously reestablished the Mississippi Military Communities Council by Executive Order No. 1290, do hereby amend the Council's duties and composition as follows: The Council shall advise executive and legislative officials of the State of Mississippi regarding the ongoing efforts by the United States Department of Defense to close, realign, restructure, or otherwise take actions that would impact military installations located within the State. The Council shall also advise regarding opportunities to enhance, expand, add, or otherwise improve missions, programs, facilities, or operations affecting the military installations in the State. For each active duty military installation and National Guard Training center in the State, community teams organized to monitor federal base restructuring activities and/or to enhance nearby military installations may be represented on the Council. The Council shall meet at least quarterly and

conduct itself pursuant to a set of operating principles approved by the Council. The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council and any such other at-large members of the Council as he shall deem appropriate.



**IN WITNESS 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, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the two hundred and thirty-seventh year of the United States of America.

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE