

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## EXECUTIVE ORDER 1358

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is Commander-in-Chief of the Mississippi National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, as Commander-in-Chief, the Governor "shall have power to call forth the militia to execute the laws, repel invasion and to suppress riots and insurrections." Miss. Const., § 217; *see also* Miss. Code § 33-3-1; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 2015, four United States Marines were murdered in terrorist attacks on two military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and a Navy Petty Officer wounded in the attack later died; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2009, there have been at least nine attacks on military facilities in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi must ensure that our servicemen and women are protected from potential harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General of Mississippi is authorized to arm certain full-time military personnel on military facilities throughout Mississippi with weaponry as reasonably necessary to preserve the lives, property, and security of these facilities and their occupants. Such facilities shall include, but not be limited to, military recruiting offices and other facilities where duties are performed by members of the National Guard.
2. The Adjutant General of Mississippi is further directed to examine existing security policies and procedures at military facilities throughout Mississippi, and identify any opportunities to enhance the security of those facilities.
3. This Order shall be distributed to the Adjutant General of Mississippi, who shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.
4. This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until modified, terminated or rescinded.

**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 20th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the two hundred and fortieth year of the United States of America.

  
PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR



**BY THE GOVERNOR**



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