STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1334

WHEREAS, Mississippi mourns the passing of Kevin Gale Stauffer, Jr., a courageous police officer who was killed in the line of duty at the age of 38; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stauffer began his service with the Tupelo Police Department in 2005 after having served a military tour of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stauffer earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, we are indebted to Sergeant Stauffer, who was a well-respected and professional law enforcement officer, for his service and commitment to the people of the city of Tupelo; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with Gale's wife, Beth, young children, Dixie and Skip, and his many other family members and friends:

NOW, THEREFORE, I Phil Bryant, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a day of official mourning in the State of Mississippi in memory of Sergeant Kevin Gale Stauffer, Jr., and do hereby order the State Flag on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction fly at half-staff, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Friday, December 27, 2013.

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 26th day December, in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the two hundred and thirty-eighth year of the United States of America.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE