STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1336

WHEREAS, Mississippi and the nation have lost a respected airman and the first female achieving the rank of General with Federal Recognition in the history of the Mississippi Air National Guard with the passing of Major General Catherine S. Lutz; and

WHEREAS, General Lutz received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and a Master of Science Degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Mississippi Air National Guard as a Flight Nurse and in 1987 was re-commissioned as a Medical Service Corps Officer; and

WHEREAS, rising through the ranks, she was promoted to Major General on December 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, General Lutz received numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Air Force Commendation Medal (with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); and

WHEREAS, General Lutz was the Assistant Adjutant General for Mississippi Air National Guard, also serving as Commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, General Lutz was one of our nation's leading advocates for improving health care for our military service members; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Major General Catherine S. Lutz:

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 period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Monday, January 20, 2014, in remembrance of a dedicated and accomplished Mississippian, Major General Catherine S. Lutz.

IN TESTIMONY 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, the 17th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

Phil Bryant

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.

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SECRETARY OF STATE