

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER 1359

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2015, four Marines were killed in a shooting rampage on a military base in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and a Navy soldier wounded in the attack later died; and

WHEREAS, the victims are Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, of Springfield, Massachusetts; Staff Sgt. David Wyatt, of Burke, North Carolina; Sgt. Carson Holmquist, of Polk, Wisconsin; Lance Cpl. Squire K. Wells, of Cobb, Georgia; and Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith, of Paulding, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2015, I issued an Executive Order authorizing the Adjutant General of Mississippi to arm certain military personnel with weapons on military facilities throughout our state in hopes of deterring such attacks in the future; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of the people of this State are with the victims and their families:

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 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 noon on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, until sunset on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, in respect for these brave young servicemen.

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 21st 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**