

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1292

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi mourns the passing of courageous young Mississippians who recently lost their lives in the performance of their duties in law enforcement and military service; and

**WHEREAS**, we are indebted to the following Mississippians, as well as all law enforcement officers and military personnel, who gave their lives so that we may exercise the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness:

Investigator Mike Walter, 37  
Brandon, Miss., May 1, 2012

Marine Master Sgt. Scott E. Pruitt, 38  
Gautier, Miss., April 28, 2012

Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Billy A. Sutton, 42  
Tupelo, Miss., Feb 7, 2012

Marine Lance Cpl. Edward J. Dycus, 22  
Greenville, Miss., Feb. 1, 2012

**WHEREAS**, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Mississippi's heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the life and liberty of others;

**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 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 on Monday, May 7, 2012.

**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 4th day May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the two hundred and thirty-sixth year of the United States of America.

A blue ink signature of Phil Bryant, written in a cursive style.

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

A blue ink signature of C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr., written in a cursive style.

C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE