

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1585

**WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2025, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of expected prolonged freezing temperatures and winter weather, including snow and freezing rain beginning in the evening hours of January 9, 2025, and continuing; and

**WHEREAS**, 49 C.F.R Section 390.23(b) authorizes a state governor, following the declaration of a State of Emergency, to waive certain regulations of the United States Department of Transportation-Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ("FMCSA"), including 49 C.F.R. Section 395 (Hours of Service for Drivers), as it relates to the provision of direct assistance incident to the immediate restoration of essential services or providing essential supplies during an emergency. This includes, but is not limited to fuel, propane, and other essential products. The waiver for such an event shall terminate at the earliest of (1) the conclusion of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief; (2) 14 days from the date of the initial declaration of emergency; (3) the issuance of a proclamation terminating this state of emergency, or (4) any other time dictated by the FMCSA's Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Mississippi Constitution, the Mississippi Emergency Management Law as amended, Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-1 *et seq.*, 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23(b), and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby exempt any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle utilized for the provision of direct assistance incident to the immediate restoration of essential services or providing essential supplies from 49 C.F.R. Section 395.3 (Hours of Service for Drivers). Motor carriers that have an out of service order may not take advantage of the relief from regulations that this Order provides under 49 C.F.R. Section 390.23. Further, no motor carrier operating under the terms of this Order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. This Executive Order shall be effective from the date of the declaration of this State of Emergency on January 9, 2025, and shall terminate at the earliest of (1) the conclusion of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief; (2) 14 days from the date of the initial declaration of emergency; (3) the issuance of a proclamation terminating this state of emergency, or (4) any other time dictated by the FMCSA's Regulations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.



**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR

**BY THE GOVERNOR**



MICHAEL WATSON  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, portions of the State of Mississippi will be impacted by prolonged freezing temperatures and winter weather, including snow and freezing rain beginning in the evening hours of January 9, 2025, and continuing, and thus state assistance may be necessary to support statewide local governments' response and recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the expected prolonged freezing temperatures and winter weather pose a threat to the life and safety of the residents of the impacted areas of the state, as well as their property; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect people and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Mississippi Constitution and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in the areas of the State of Mississippi affected by, or areas that may be affected by, these prolonged freezing temperatures and winter weather. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed by Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17).

**FURTHER**, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary as set forth in the State of Mississippi's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves".

**TATE REEVES**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Watson".

**MICHAEL WATSON**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**