

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 836

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has been besieged by wildfires due to drought and has requested assistance from the State of Mississippi under terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and

WHEREAS, Florida civil authorities have requested the support of the Mississippi National Guard to cope with said wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Assistance Compact requires that a requesting party reimburse the state rendering assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 119 and Section 217, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and Section 7-1-5, 33-7-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, do hereby direct Major General George Walker, Acting Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, to order out such officers and enlisted personnel of the Mississippi National Guard as he deems necessary and requisite and for such duration as he deems appropriate to assist the civil authorities in the State of Florida. Major General Walker shall be in direct command of the troops ordered to active duty and will use such equipment as may be found necessary in his opinion to accomplish the support mission of the National Guard troops. The number of troops used and the amount of expense incurred shall be held to a minimum compatible with the mission to be performed.

The members of the Mississippi National Guard ordered to active duty under the provisions of this Order shall be subject to the provisions, privileges, and immunities of the Statutes of the State of Mississippi governing the National Guard.

FURTHER, the pay and expenses of the troops ordered to State Active Duty shall be paid as provided in Sections 33-7-313, 33-7-315 and 33-9-15. All cost will be reimbursed as authorized by Section 33-15-307(4)(g), the Mississippi Emergency Act of 1995, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides, in part, that the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund may be used for “support to another state under the provisions of the Southern Regional Emergency Management Compact.”

FURTHER, the State of Florida shall reimburse the State of Mississippi pursuant to the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

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, May 31, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE