

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 834**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the Mississippi National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety and security of the State of Mississippi is of the utmost importance to the people of the State of Mississippi and to the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, the capable management and military leadership of the Mississippi National Guard is of the utmost importance to the people of the State of Mississippi and to the Governor;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, Commander-in-Chief of the Mississippi National Guard and the Militia, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 5, Section 119 and Article 9, Section 217 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and Sections 7-1-5, 33-3-1 and 33-3-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, do hereby appoint George S. Walker as the senior full-time Assistant Adjutant General for the Mississippi National Guard and the Militia.

Further, I hereby appoint George S. Walker to the rank of Major General and designate Major General George S. Walker as Special Advisor to the Governor for Military Affairs. Major General George S. Walker shall be the senior officer in the Mississippi National Guard and executive head of the Mississippi Military Department, subordinate only to me in the administration of his official duties.

Further, the appropriate members of the Mississippi National Guard and the Mississippi Military Department are hereby ordered to take such expeditious action as necessary to effect the obtainment of federal recognition for George S. Walker in the rank of Major General.

Further, Major General George S. Walker shall be paid by the State of Mississippi a salary of \$80,000 (EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) per annum, in addition to such compensation, expense reimbursement, travel pay and other remuneration, as are typical and appropriate for the senior ranking officer of the Mississippi National Guard.

Further, as the senior full-time Assistant Adjutant General for the Mississippi National Guard and Mississippi Military Department, Major General George S. Walker is authorized and empowered by this Order and applicable law, including, but not limited to Section 33-3-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, to exercise and perform such duties on behalf of the Mississippi National Guard, Mississippi Military Department and the State of Mississippi as conferred by law and regulation. Such power shall include, but is in no manner limited to, the exercise of authority as detailed in Section 33-3-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972; and under Title 32, Section 709, United States Code, to administer the Federal Technician Program, to approve and sign contracts, and to hire, relieve, transfer or dismiss members and employees of the Mississippi National Guard and Mississippi Military Department, to address grievances, personnel matters, collective bargaining agreements, and all matters of any nature whatsoever affecting or relating to, the Mississippi National Guard, the Mississippi Military Department, the Militia and their respective organizations, units, personnel, property and equipment.

The provisions of this Executive Order are effective from and after May 9, 2000, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Governor.

**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 9, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE