

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 877

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush, has announced that the United States is prepared to move forward and lead a collaborative international effort to disarm Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein as a “patron and protector of terror”; and

WHEREAS, the security of the State of Mississippi and the safety of its people and property is at risk from credible threats made against the security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the safety and well being of the citizens of the State of Mississippi, and in the public interest, all protective measures should be taken to protect our people and their property; and

WHEREAS, necessary measures to ensure preparedness against such threats and danger include the activation and deployment of the Mississippi National Guard as prudence dictates, which requires under State law a declaration of a State of Emergency accompanied by an Executive Order:

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 Sections 7-1-5, 33-7-301, and 33-7-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, do hereby direct Major General James H. Lipscomb, Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, to order out such officers and enlisted personnel of the Mississippi Guard as he deems necessary and requisite and for such duration as he deems appropriate to promote and secure the safety and protection of the citizens of Mississippi and their property. Major General Lipscomb will 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 mission of the National Guard troops. The number of troops used and the amount of expense incurred shall be commensurate 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, 33-7-313 and Section 33-9-15. All costs will be reimbursed as authorized by Section 33-15-307 4(g), the Mississippi Emergency Act of 1995, Mississippi Code of 1972.

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 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE