

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 869**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on December 19, 2002 and continuing, the State of Mississippi has been besieged by an outbreak of severe weather, including tornadoes, damaging winds, severe thunderstorms and flooding, and state assistance will be necessary to support local government response and recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, civil authorities will require support from the Mississippi National Guard to cope with said emergency:

**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, III, 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 assist state and local civil authorities. 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 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 Statute 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 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, as amended.

**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, December 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE