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MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Agencies, Boards and Commissions

FROM: Governor Haley Barbour

Haley Barbour
SUPREME COURT CLERK

DATE: September 26, 2005

RE: Hurricane Katrina State of Emergency

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Mississippi Code Annotated § 33-15-11(b)(17), and in the public interest and for the general welfare, I have instructed via Executive Order, dated September 22, 2005, that all agencies of the state shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary, as set forth in the State of Mississippi Emergency Operation Plan and Executive Order No. 653, dated November 16, 1990.

Please be advised that, pursuant to Code Section 33-15-11, and effective August 27, 2005, and throughout the State of Emergency due to Hurricane Katrina, I specifically authorize the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration to do the following:

- 1) To suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster or emergency;
- 2) To transfer the direction, personnel or functions of state agencies, boards, commissions or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating disaster or emergency services;
- 3) To perform and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population in coping with a disaster or emergency.

Executive Director J. K. Stringer and his staff are available to assist you during the State of Emergency. Please do not hesitate to call the Department of Finance and Administration at (601) 359-3402 if you need assistance during the execution of your agency's emergency responsibilities.