

# Proclamation

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Month

*From Mayor George Flaggs, Jr. and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Vicksburg, Mississippi*

**WHEREAS**, June 16, 1775, marks the beginning of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' rich history when General George Washington appointed Colonel Richard Gridley as the first Chief Engineer.

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Army Engineers have been at the forefront of our nation's engineering excellence, responding when the nation has called and having taken on some of the most complex challenges throughout our history. From constructing fortifications during the Revolutionary War, to building the infrastructure that saw America's strength grow militarily and economically, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mission has always been to deliver engineering solutions for our nation's toughest challenges.

**WHEREAS**, USACE history is America's history. USACE has played a crucial role in the expansion of the nation's waterborne and land-based transportation systems; USACE oversaw the building of dams and levees as well as maintaining navigation channels to reduce risk, safeguard communities and keep commerce flowing throughout our Nation - missions that continue to this day.

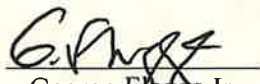
**WHEREAS**, USACE has three major components in Vicksburg that together employ more than 2,450 people and support missions with global impact. The U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), headquartered in Vicksburg, is the research arm of USACE. With seven labs in four states, ERDC leads innovation in military engineering, environmental science, cold regions research, and geospatial technology. Its work helps strengthen national defense, improve disaster response, and support infrastructure around the world.


**WHEREAS**, The Mississippi Valley Division (MVD), also based in Vicksburg, oversees six USACE districts along the Mississippi River from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. MVD leads efforts in flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration. Within MVD, the Vicksburg District manages civil works and regulatory programs in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Its work in levee safety, flood risk reduction, and navigation is key to protecting people, property, and commerce in the region.

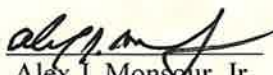
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, George Flaggs, Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, along with Thomas J. Mayfield, Ward I Alderman, and Alex J. Monsour, Jr., Ward II Alderman, do hereby proclaim the month of **June 2025** as:

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MONTH

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Official Seal of the City of Vicksburg on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

  
George Flaggs Jr.  
Mayor

  
Thomas J. Mayfield  
Alderman, Ward 1

  
Alex J. Monsour, Jr.  
Alderman, Ward 2

