

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**By**  
**GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has forecasted the pending outbreak of severe weather with the possibility of damaging winds, severe thunderstorms, heavy rain, flooding, and tornadoes to enter Northwest Mississippi beginning late in the afternoon on November 17, 2003, and continue across the State on November 18, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, this pending storm system could adversely affect homes, businesses, public property, and threaten the safety of the citizens and property throughout the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest all steps should be taken to protect people and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 33-15-11-(b) (17), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in all areas of the State of Mississippi that will be affected by this storm system. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed in Section 33-15-11(b)(17), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

**FURTHER**, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary as set forth in the State of Mississippi Emergency Operations Plan and Executive Order No. 653, dated November 16, 1990.

**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, November 17, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

**ERIC CLARK**