

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

Whereas, areas of the State of Mississippi were adversely affected by severe weather associated with Tropical Storm Bill beginning on June 29, 2003, and as a result thereof severe thunderstorms, torrential rains, damaging winds, urban flash flooding, stream and river flooding have been reported over wide areas of Mississippi causing damage to homes, businesses, public utilities and public property; and

Whereas, this tropical weather system is expected to slowly traverse the State causing additional flooding, and in consideration of the health and safety of the citizens 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 Sections 33-15-11-(b) (16), 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 Hancock, Harrison, Jackson Counties and other areas of the State of Mississippi affected by flooding as a result of this tropical weather system. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and be in effect until such time as emergency conditions shall cease to exist as prescribed in Section 33-15-11(b)(16), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Further, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as set forth in State 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, June 30, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

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