

**MEMORANDUM**

November 2, 2001

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Quote for National Diabetes Month

Mary Fortune with the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi called and asked if we could provide a quote from you for a story on National Diabetes Month. They are trying to get something in Sunday's Clarion-Ledger and need a quote as soon as possible. This is another opportunity to drive the message behind your health care proposal.

Suggested quote:

"I know from first-hand experience the effects of diabetes when it isn't caught early and treated effectively. Mississippi has the highest prevalence of diabetes in the country, and we are in a position to make a difference. We have an opportunity to address this problem and put preventive measures in place, and we're going to do it."