

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi's continued economic prosperity and state security are dependent upon the availability of abundant, affordable, and secure energy supplies; and

WHEREAS, wise use of domestic sources of energy, with emphasis on conservation efforts, will ensure Mississippi's energy security; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's healthy and successful future depends on adults and children alike learning about and using energy wisely; and

WHEREAS, sustainable development provides lasting solutions and economic development strategies that benefit the environment and quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, our comprehensive national energy strategy calls for the wise, effective development of all our nation's energy resources, including coal, natural gas, petroleum, and nuclear energy as well as hydroelectric power and other forms of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, energy is vital to the national security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this strategy also calls for the development of new technology for oil and gas exploration, increased use of alternative fuels and aggressive conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the theme "**ENERGY: SECURING THE FUTURE**" seizes the goal of 2002 Energy Awareness Month to promote a greater public understanding and awareness of energy sources, more effective and wiser use of these resources, and the importance of energy to economic prosperity and future of the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 2002 as

ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage the support of the leadership of Mississippi's business, industry, workers, and educators, including civic, religious, and consumer groups, along with other institutions and organizations in recognizing the vital need to promote the prudent management and responsible development of Mississippi's energy resources.

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, August 7, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR