

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, each year, many Mississippi citizens are victims of flood damage;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi, which encompasses the fifth largest floodplain within the nation, can anticipate annual floods within all of its regions; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program in 1968 to mitigate future flood damage and provide citizens with protection against potential losses; and

**WHEREAS**, I, as Governor, have designated the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency as the State Coordinating Agency for the Hazard Mitigation and the National Flood Insurance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to information concerning Flood Awareness is available through the Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to inform Mississippians of the availability of affordable flood insurance, floodplain management techniques, retrofitting and mitigation techniques, and flood safety procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi citizens must become more informed about possible flood damage reduction and mitigation practices they may implement to protect their homes, businesses, and property:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 7 through April 11, 2003, as

**FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi.

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, April 2, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR