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## **Rising Gas Prices Prompt State of Emergency Declaration by Governor Musgrove**

Jackson, MS – In an attempt to curb rising gas prices in response to this morning's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, Governor Ronnie Musgrove has declared a state of emergency to protect consumers across the State of Mississippi.

“I am declaring this state of emergency to protect the people of Mississippi from those who would profit from this morning's tragic attacks by raising gas prices,” Musgrove said. “This declaration does not mean our safety is jeopardized; rather, it gives the consumer some protection by the law against unfair and unnecessary hikes in fuel costs.”

Rumors of gas shortages across the state have prompted long lines at gas stations. There is no evidence of gas shortages, and any rumors should be treated as such.

“Our people are suffering today from an horrible attack on our country. They should not suffer further because of false rumors about fuel shortages,” said Musgrove.