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## **Governor Musgrove Proclaims October 6–12 as “Fire Prevention Week” in Mississippi**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that he has signed a proclamation to observe “Fire Prevention Week” in Mississippi between October 6 and October 12, 2002. Musgrove made the announcement at a press conference along with Insurance Commissioner George Dale and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Robert Latham.

“Over the past two weeks, as Mississippi faced severe and damaging storms, we were able to make sure lives were saved and property was spared. We were able to do this because we were prepared, and knew what to look for and what to expect,” Musgrove said. “It takes that same concerted effort to help be aware of fire hazards and safety measures in our homes and places of business.”

The theme for this year’s “Fire Prevention Week” focuses on motivating children and families to work together to identify home hazards, identify and practice home escape plans, and install and test smoke alarms.

For more information on “Fire Prevention Week,” visit the National Fire Protection Association website at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

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