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Governor Musgrove Announces Extension of National Guard Role in Airport Security

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced the extension of the National Guard Airport Security Mission through the end of May. President George Bush requested this action from the Governors this week.

“The Mississippi National Guard will continue to provide security in airports around the state until May 31, as requested by President Bush,” Musgrove said. “This is an important aspect of our national effort to fight terrorist threats on our soil, and we will not back down in that effort.”

Efforts are underway for the Transportation Safety Administration to assume security duties at airports around the nation. Bush requested the extension in order to provide the Transportation Safety Administration with more time to prepare for their work.

“I’m proud of the active role our National Guard personnel have taken since September 11, and we will continue that role as long as necessary to ensure the safety and security of our people,” said Musgrove.

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