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Governor Musgrove Commends Department of Corrections On Accreditation at Parchman

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove praised the hard work of Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Chris Epps and MDOC employees for their accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA).

“We’ve been working toward bringing all our institutions up to the ACA standards for the past two and a half years,” Musgrove said. “This is another major step in the right direction. I appreciate the work that’s gone into reaching this level, especially to Superintendent Emmit Sparkman and the staff at Parchman.”

Musgrove said the safety and security of the people of Mississippi has always been a high priority, and Parchman’s accreditation helps strengthen the state’s efforts to protect the public.

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