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## **Governor Musgrove Proclaims “America Recycles Day”**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed November 15, 2003, as “America Recycles Day” to encourage and educate Mississippians about preserving and using our current resources wisely and the benefits of recycling and buying recycled products.

“Recycling is vital because it saves millions of dollars in landfill costs, conserves landfill space, creates jobs and serves as an easy way for citizens to help protect the environment by avoiding unnecessary use of important resources,” said Musgrove.

America Recycles Day is a national all-volunteer organization, which sponsors this annual campaign with the goal of educating and encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) also invites all households to continue or start to participate in curbside and drop-off programs as well as state agencies and local industries to continue or implement recycling programs.

Larry Estes, with the Department of Environmental Quality said, “We encourage residents of this state to not only recycle traditional items such as aluminum, plastic, steel and glass, but also non-traditional items such as computers, rechargeable batteries, ink jet cartridges, and florescent lamps.

For more information concerning implementation of recycling programs please contact the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality at 601-961-5171 or visit their website at [www.deq.state.ms.us](http://www.deq.state.ms.us).

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