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## **Governor Musgrove Proclaims “American Stroke Month”**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed the month of May as “American Stroke Month” to urge Mississippians to familiarize themselves with the warning signs, symptoms and risk factors associated with a stroke.

“The majority of Americans are not aware of the risk factors for a stroke, nor are they aware of the signs and symptoms of an impending stroke,” stated Musgrove. “Strokes lead to the death and disability of more than 1800 Mississippians each year.”

According to the American Heart Association, strokes are the third leading cause of death in the United States striking about 700,000 Americans each year.

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