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Governor Musgrove Proclaims “Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month”

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed the month of November, as “Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month” to increase public awareness about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (COPD).

“16 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of COPD with an astounding similar number undiagnosed,” said Musgrove. “Awareness, early detection and treatment are crucial in the prevention and the slowing down of the spread of lung disease in this country and in Mississippi.”

Chronic lung diseases collectively known as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. COPD is the only chronic illness at this time with a rising death rate and it cost the United States an estimated \$31.9 billion a year.

For more information please visit the website of the American Association for Respiratory Care at www.aarc.org or by telephone at (972) 243-2272.

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