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## **Governor Musgrove Proclaims “Mississippi Health Awareness Day”**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed September 19, 2003, as “Mississippi Health Awareness Day” to acknowledge the impact the Community Organization for Health Awareness, Inc. (COHA) has on the lives of many residents through annual health fairs and community based initiatives at no cost.

“COHA, Inc. plays a vital role in engaging, educating, and informing citizens in underserved communities about the prevention of certain diseases which occur at a high rate in the community,” said Musgrove. “We are working together to improve the overall quality of life for all Mississippians.”

“Mississippians with substance abuse and mental disorders deserve access to the services needed to recover, such as those provided by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse” said Musgrove.

The Community Organization for Health Awareness, Inc. was established in 1994 to assist Mississippi communities with addressing the astounding statistics related to heart attack, stroke, cancer, teen pregnancy, teen alcohol and drug abuse.

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