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Governor Musgrove Proclaims “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed the month of October 2003, as “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs across Mississippi.

“The impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals, families and members of communities across Mississippi,” said Musgrove. “It is important to recognize the people and groups that work tirelessly to help those who have suffered from domestic violence.”

The problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people. Domestic violence cuts across all economic, racial and societal barriers and is supported by the indifferences of society. The crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security and humanity.

Since taking office in 2000, Musgrove has strengthened the domestic violence laws of Mississippi by signing into law the following bills:

- 2000 Regular Session – H.B. 564 and 566,
- 2001 Regular Session – H.B. 869, 870 and 872,
- 2002 Regular Session – S.B. 2409, 2460 and 2603,
- 2003 Regular Session – H.B. 979, 985 and S.B. 2673.

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