

For Immediate Release
September 16, 2003

Contact: Shannon McMullan
601-359-3227

Governor Musgrove Proclaims “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed the month of September, as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month” to offer an opportunity to educate the public, community organizations, public officials and civic leaders about the effectiveness of treatment.

“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.

Substance abuse and co-occurring mental disorders and co-existing physical illnesses are major public health problems that affect millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and have huge medical, societal, and economic costs. Various organizations such as the National Governor’s Association Centers for Best Practices, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of National Drug Control Policy have joined together in support of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

###