

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, each year, many Mississippi citizens are victims of flood damage;
and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi, which encompasses the fifth largest floodplain within the nation, can anticipate annual floods within all of its regions; and

WHEREAS, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program in 1968 to mitigate future flood damage and provide citizens with protection against potential losses; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor, have designated the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency as the State Coordinating Agency for the Hazard Mitigation and the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, information concerning Flood Awareness is available through the Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to inform Mississippians of the availability of affordable flood insurance, floodplain management techniques, retrofitting and mitigation techniques, and flood safety procedures; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi citizens must become more informed about possible flood damage reduction and mitigation practices they may implement to protect their homes, businesses, and property:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 22 through April 26, 2002, as

FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, April 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR