

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has regularly suffered the effects of severe weather throughout history, including loss of life, and untold amounts of property damage and destruction; and

WHEREAS, history has demonstrated that a well-informed and well-prepared citizenry suffers less in personal injury and property damages as a result of these storms; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Tornado Awareness Initiative began in November of 1999 and is continuing to provide severe weather alerting, classroom toolkits and preparedness information to the school children of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the National Weather Service have expressed a desire to work with the citizens of our state and the news media to inform Mississippians of severe weather safety and preparedness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of February 18 through 22, 2002, as

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to join in this effort to increase public awareness of safety measures by participating in this year's statewide tornado drill and in public education programs prior to and during this week.

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, January 28, 2001, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR