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## **Statement Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today regarding the Pledge of Allegiance:

“I support the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance is a fundamental expression of our loyalty to the United States as citizens. Instilling the concept of patriotism at an early age is an essential part of developing good citizens.

“In 2002, I supported and signed into law Senate Bill 2321, which provides that all Mississippi school children began their day by reciting the pledge. The phrase, “One Nation Under God” which is under attack by liberal federal court judges in California is an integral part of our Pledge. Since the founding of our Country, the United States has always recognized God in our constitution, laws and public forums.

“I trust that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn the decision of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and once and for all end these attacks on our Nations foundation.”

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