

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, DC in 1976 in response to the energy shortage to states and communities assisting low-income families to have more energy efficient, safe, and healthy homes; and

WHEREAS, the program conducts computerized energy audits and uses advanced technologies to determine the energy conservation needs of a home, and has provided caulking and sealing of cracks and holes; insulating of attics, walls, and floors; installing of storm windows; repairing and retrofitting of furnaces; detection of leaking gas, and other improvements to more than 5 million homes throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the program in the State of Mississippi, administered through the work of the Department of Human Services and the state's Community Action Agencies, has produced energy cost reductions averaging 25 percent, in the winters, affecting thousands of people, many of whom are elderly, the disabled, and children; and

WHEREAS, the program not only assists families working toward self-sufficiency, but also contributes more broadly to the improvements and progress of communities by eliminating carbon emissions, reducing the dependence on foreign oil, stimulating local economies through the purchase of goods and services, creating jobs, and stabilizing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, because of its proven effectiveness and its recognized potential to do more for the common good, the program has gained the growing support of public and private interests; and

WHEREAS, it is widely agreed that it is in the best interest of our government and others in the public and private sectors to work together to support and strengthen this program that has done so much for so many in our state, for the betterment of all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 30, 2003, as

WEATHERIZATION DAY 2003

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, October 2, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR