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**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

Whereas, diplomatic efforts by a United States led multi-national coalition to force Iraq to immediately destroy all weapons of mass destruction according to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 have failed; and

Whereas, the United States, and her allies Britain and Spain, have withdrawn a United Nations resolution authorizing use of war to force Iraq to disarm; and

Whereas, there is public resistance by members of the United Nations Security Council to support this proposed resolution and a failure by the world body to enforce its own Security Council Resolution 1441 demanding Iraq to disarm; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush, has announced that the United States is prepared to move forward and lead a collaborative international effort to disarm Iraq whether the U.N. agrees or not, and eliminate Saddam Hussein as a “patron and protector of terror”; and

Whereas, Saddam Hussein Saddam has threatened a wider war if Iraq is attacked it will retaliate by taking the war anywhere in the world "wherever there is sky, land or water"; and

Whereas, the United States experienced the destruction and suffering from the fury of terrorism on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the security of the State of Mississippi and the safety of its people and property would be at risk from such a threat; and

Whereas, in consideration of the safety and well being of the citizens of the State of Mississippi, and in the public interest, all protective measures should be taken to protect our people and their property:

Now, therefore, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 33-15-11 and Section 33-15-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of War Emergency to exist in the State of Mississippi. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and be in effect until such time as emergency conditions shall cease to exist as warranted by Section 33-15-11(b)(16).

Further, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as set forth in State Emergency Operations Plan and Executive Order No. 653, dated November 16, 1990.

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, March
17, 2003, in the two hundred and
twenty-seventh year of the United
States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

Eric Clark

Secretary of State