

**A Proclamation**  
**By**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, diplomatic efforts by the United States, with the support of a multi-national coalition, to force Iraq to immediately destroy all weapons of mass destruction according to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 have not attained their desired results; 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 and remove Saddam Hussein as a “patron and protector of terror”; and

**WHEREAS**, the security of the State of Mississippi and the safety of its people and property is at risk from credible threats made against the security of the United States; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, necessary measures to ensure preparedness against such threats and danger include the activation and deployment of the Mississippi National Guard as prudence dictates, which requires under State law a declaration of a State of Emergency accompanied by an Executive Order:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Mississippi, 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 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 18, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**