

A Proclamation  
by  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi faces the threat of a reoccurrence of a catastrophic earthquake along the New Madrid Fault and along numerous faults throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to participate with the Central United States Earthquake Consortium strengthening a commitment to work with local officials and citizens to inform Mississippians of earthquake safety procedures and to implement appropriate preparedness and mitigation measures to lessen the effects of a major earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, several of the State's counties have taken the initiative to develop and test local cross-jurisdictional capabilities to respond to a major earthquake event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, has taken a leading role in the development of a Federal Emergency Management Agency interactive seminar for meeting basic human needs following a catastrophic New Madrid Fault earthquake, further enhancing Mississippi's ability to respond to such an event;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2001 as

**EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to join in this effort to increase public awareness of earthquake safety measures by participating in public education programs prior to and during this time, and by preparing their families to cope with a catastrophic earthquake in the state.

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, November 15, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR