

A Proclamation
by
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi, and especially the counties of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson, will be adversely affected by *Hurricane Isidore* beginning on September 24, 2002, and as a result thereof damaging winds, severe thunderstorms, flooding, and tornado activity are expected to occur over wide areas of Mississippi causing personal injuries, damage to homes, businesses, and public property; and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protections of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest all steps should be taken to protect people and property; and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health and safety of the citizens and in the public interest, all reasonable steps necessary to protect citizens from price gouging should be taken, including the measures provided for in Sections 75-24-25 and 75-24-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended,

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(b)(16), 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 as of 8:00 a.m. in all eighty-two counties of the State of Mississippi. The provisions of this proclamation shall begin as of 8:00 a.m., September 24, 2002, and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed in Section 33-15-11(b)(16), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

FURTHER, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities set forth in 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, September 24, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE