

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 despite the lack of resolve of the United Nations, and remove Saddam Hussein as a “patron and protector of terror”; and

Whereas, Saddam Hussein has threatened a wider war if Iraq is attacked and Secretary Tom Ridge has raised the terrorism alert level to High; and

Whereas, the security of the State of Mississippi and the safety of its people and property is 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 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 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 33-15-13(c).

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

Eric Clark

Secretary of State