
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: MISSISSIPPI CHRONIC ILLNESS COALITION / PRESS CONFERENCE/ PROCLAMATION
DATE: 01/11/02
CC: SEWELL, PHILLIP, BOYD, JUMPER

Governor, I have been working with Samantha Heard with the American Heart Assn. She is coordinating events for January 15th, Capitol Day 2002 for the American Heart Association and Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition (MCIC). They have requested that you participate in the press conference at 9:30 by presenting opening remarks and welcoming media and other event participants. Dr. Thompson will also be speaking about chronic illnesses and their impact on the health of Mississippians.

At the closing of the press conference, the coalition will present an enlarged resolution (attached) encouraging the Legislature to support prevention and treatment of chronic illness in the state. Representative May Whittington and Senator Deborah Dawkins will be accepting the resolution. They plan to have the resolution blown up so it will be visible to media. They would like you and Dr. Thompson to jointly sign the resolution as part of the closing. There will have 30 booths in the Rotunda that day and 400+ people. Bottom line is that the coalition is made up of at least 70 different health related associations. Jill has blocked off times until you confirm. I am requesting the endorsement of the coalition. I am also getting a list of the associations in the coalition. Phillip and John;p are aware that I'm working on this and I am keeping them updated. I have attached the press release, the agenda, info about other speakers during the press release (Dr Thompson, Rep. May Whittington, and Senator Deborah Dawkins).

Would you like to do this?

YES_____

NO_____