

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Mississippi have suffered significant effects from severe weather during the secondary tornado season in November and December in the past years; and

WHEREAS preparedness planning and increased public awareness of the dangers of severe weather and the proper protective actions have shown to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities from these storms even as the population rises; and

WHEREAS, November historically has been a very active month for severe weather and tornadoes, last year on November 10th, ten tornados occurred in the state with a strong tornado cutting across the city of Columbus. Since 1992, there have been five violent tornadoes in the state, and all but one of them occurred in November; and

WHEREAS, to draw attention to the need for Mississippians to be vigilant and prepared for the 2003 secondary fall severe weather season, the National Weather Service, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and local emergency management agencies across the state hereby urge all citizens to review their personal safety measures during severe weather including their ability to receive weather warnings in a timely fashion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 28, 2003 as

FALL SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Mississippi.

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,
October 23, 2003, in the two
hundred and twenty-seventh year of
the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR