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Governor Musgrove Moving State Government To Ripley During "Capital for a Day"

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove is moving the seat of state government from Jackson to Ripley, MS, as part of his new "Capital for a Day" program. The town of Ripley will serve as the state capital on Tuesday, August 21, 2001.

"This is a great opportunity to get state government out of Jackson for a day and into the heart of real Mississippi," Musgrove said. "I am excited about spending a day in Tippah County and meeting with the hard-working people of this state."

The Governor's Office will not be the only part of state government coming to Ripley. In addition, all of the executive branch departments will be setting up shop for the day. Department heads will be in town, along with key staff, to do their work as usual, but in different surroundings.

The Clayton Wommack Park Gym will be the location for the state offices Tuesday.

The "Capital for a Day" program is a new effort by Musgrove to make state government more accessible and open for the people it serves. Musgrove hopes to move the capital around the state on a quarterly basis.

Governor Musgrove's agenda for the "Capital for a Day" in Ripley is attached.

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Capital for a Day Ripley, MS August 21, 2001 (Governor's Agenda)

- 10:30am Clayton Wommack Park Gym
- 10:45am Visit with Senior Citizens (Clayton Wommack Park)
- 11:00am Attend Ribbon Cutting at ECO Water Systems
- 11:30am Visit Tippah County Hospital
- 12:00pm Luncheon/Speech at Rotary Club (Country Inn II)
- 1:00pm Visit to a South Tippah School
- 2:00pm Visit Department of Human Services Offices (Ripley)
- 3:00pm Coffee at Renfro's Café
- 4:00pm Meet with Dixie Net Employers
- 4:30pm Public Meet and Greet (Clayton Wommack Park Gym)