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**Leadership At Mississippi Department of Human Services To Take New Direction**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced the appointment of Janice Broome Brooks as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Brooks will begin serving as Executive Director of MDHS on Friday, December 1, 2000.

“Janice Broome Brooks brings determination and dedication to the Mississippi Department of Human Services,” said Governor Ronnie Musgrove. “She has a proven record as a successful leader, effective manager, employee motivator and provider of top-quality customer service in her position with the federal government.”

“We are bound and determined that the Mississippi Department of Human Services will serve the people of Mississippi,” said the Governor. “Janice Broome Brooks shares this determination and this optimism.”

“Under her leadership, I believe we can do for human services what we have done for economic development in Mississippi. We can inspire the men and women who are the department to set unparalleled goals and achieve unparalleled progress for our people.”

Brooks has served as the Chief of Employee/Labor-Management Relations for the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of the Mint in Washington, D.C. In this position, she was responsible for directing Bureau-wide programs, including, employee benefits, work and family, employee assistance, worker’s compensation, performance management, incentive awards and labor-management partnership.

She has served as Chief of Employee Relations and Policy Services for the National Labor Relations Board and Human Resources Specialist for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C. Brooks has also served as the President and a member of the Board of Directors for Hannah House, Inc.

In 1986 and 1987, she served as a Legislative/Research Analyst for the Honorable

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Charles B. Rangel, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. In this position she conducted research on tax reform, dependent care, spousal impoverishment, welfare reform and equal access to commercial credit.

Brooks graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in English Literature and received a MA in English from Jackson State University. She also received her Master of Public Policy and Administration from JSU. Brooks earned a full academic scholarship while attending Jackson State University. She received a Jacksonian Award, for being one of the top twenty graduates of the University, and she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies.

As a graduate student, she received the Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship for the Study of Public Administration. Brooks was a Presidential Management Intern in Washington, D.C., and was one of eight women selected through a nationwide competition for a Congressional fellowship from the Women's Research and Education Institute.

Brooks is a native Mississippian. She was born in Laurel, grew up in Woodville and graduated from Murrah High School in Jackson.

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