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SUBJECT: SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING PROPMTS STATE OF EMERGENCY

(Jackson) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today declared a State of Emergency for Mississippi in connection with the severe weather and flooding that has moved through the state. The declaration covers the counties of Quitman, Tate, DeSoto, Grenada, Tallahatchie, Marshall and other areas of the state affected by flooding as a result of the severe weather system that moved through the state on October 10, 2002.

"We are working closely with local governments to meet the immediate needs of the citizens affected and to utilize available local and State resources to assist in the response effort," said Director Robert Latham regarding the affected counties.

The State of Emergency covers damages caused by severe thunderstorms, torrential rains, urban flash flooding, stream and river flooding that has occurred causing damage to homes, businesses, public utilities and public property.

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