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## **Governor Musgrove Announces Commission on Remote Sensing**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has issued an executive order creating the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Remote Sensing Technologies. The work of the Commission will focus on creating a clearinghouse for remote sensing data, including a digital land base computer model of the state that can be accessed over the Internet.

“This is cutting-edge technology that will allow us to gather more accurate information about our state and the detail of its geography,” Musgrove said. “This information is an important resource for economic development and will help us be even more competitive in the search for jobs for the people of Mississippi.”

Executive Order 857 outlines the make-up of the 15-member Commission. Charles Chisholm, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, will serve as chairman, and David Litchliter, Executive Director of the Department of Information Technology Services, will serve as vice-chairman.

“Accurate, up-to-date computerized maps will mean better decisions, period,” Chisholm said. “Everything we do at the Department of Environmental Quality is place-based.”

Other members of the Commission will include the executive directors of the Department of Transportation, the Mississippi Development Authority, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Mississippi Institute for Forestry Inventory, the Mississippi Automated Resource Information System, the Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative, and the Remote Sensing Technologies Center. Four legislators and representatives from the Mississippi Association of Supervisor, the Mississippi Municipal League and the Governor’s Office will also serve on the Commission.

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