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## **Governor Musgrove Proclaims “College Savings Month”**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed the month of September, as “College Savings Month” to encourage Mississippians to recognize the benefit of attaining a higher education and to urge parents to begin saving for their children’s education.

“As Mississippi prepares to compete in the global economy of the twenty-first century, our citizens recognize the challenges ahead and accept the responsibility of providing their children with the education and skills that will enable them to compete successfully, as individuals and as a state,” said Musgrove.

The State of Mississippi provides two Qualified Tuition Plans: the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program (MPACT), which has over 17,500 participants and \$103 million dollars under cash management and the Mississippi Affordable College Savings program (MACS), with over 3,500 accounts and \$19 million in market value.

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