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## **Governor Musgrove Proclaims March 19 as “Wally Conerly Day” in Mississippi**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed March 19, 2003, as “Wally Conerly Day” in Mississippi, honoring the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

“Few states are ever fortunate to have a leader in public health, as Mississippi has had in Dr. Wally Conerly,” Musgrove said. “His commitment to improving the delivery of health care for all the people of this state stands as a model for other health care professionals to follow. As a state, we all owe a debt of gratitude to him.”

A native of Tylertown, Mississippi, Conerly earned his undergraduate degree at Millsaps College in Jackson before receiving his M.D. from Tulane University in 1960. Following a tour of duty in the United States Air Force, Conerly joined the faculty at UMC in 1973.

Musgrove cited Conerly’s leadership at UMC, his role in the creation of the Jackson Medical Mall, and his efforts to improve the delivery of health care for all Mississippians.

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