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Governor Musgrove Proclaims “Down Syndrome Awareness Day”

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed October 11, 2003, as “Down Syndrome Awareness Day” to increase public awareness, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

“Down Syndrome affects more than 350,000 people in the United States,” said Musgrove. “We want to do everything possible to make our communities aware that people with Down Syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are active in their communities.”

The Central Mississippi Buddy Walk is October 11, 2003, at Winner’s Circle Park in Flowood and is presented by BlueCross & BlueShield of Mississippi.

The Buddy Walk, coordinated by the Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society, along with the National Down Syndrome Society, is a one-mile walk to raise awareness of people with Down Syndrome. Proceeds from the Buddy Walk will be used to fund Down Syndrome programs and issues regarding education, support, advocacy and awareness.

For more information please contact the Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society at (601) 932-1037.

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