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Governor Musgrove Proclaims “Mississippi Archaeology Month”

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed the month of October 2003, as “Mississippi Archaeology Month” to educate, cultivate, and raise awareness of Mississippi’s rich cultural heritage.

“During Archaeology Month I would like to encourage all Mississippians to participate in preserving our shared human heritage and respect for present and past human populations,” said Musgrove.

The Mississippi Archaeological Association is dedicated to archaeological preservation and understanding the prehistory and history of this state and the surrounding regions. With the support of Archaeology Mississippi, Inc., the Mississippi Humanities Council, MDOT, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Mississippi Association of Professional Archaeologist, and The Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of Southern Mississippi a number of educational opportunities, throughout the state, in the month of October are possible.

Some of the events offered will include: slide shows, demonstrations, public talks on archaeology and archaeology methods, visits to ongoing archaeological fieldwork projects, site tours and even fieldwork opportunities will be open to the public.

For additional information contact the Mississippi Department of Archives and History at 601-576-6850.

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