A Proclamation by Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has been and will continue to be adversely affected by a severe winter weather system beginning on December 13, 2000, and as a result thereof severe winter conditions, including snowfall, freezing rain and sleet have occurred and prevail over wide areas of Mississippi causing damage to homes, businesses, and public property, including power distribution systems and public utilities; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest all steps should be taken to protect people and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 33-15-11(b)(16), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in the areas of the State of Mississippi affected by the severe winter weather system.

FURTHER, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities set forth in Executive Order No. 653, dated November 16, 1990.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, December 13, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE