## A PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi, and especially the counties of Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson, will be adversely affected by *Hurricane Lili* beginning on October 1, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the health and safety of the citizens and in the public interest, all reasonable steps necessary to protect citizens from price gouging should be taken, including the measures provided for in Sections 75-24-25 and 75-24-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

**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 *Hurricane Lili*. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed in Section 33-15-11(b)(16), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

**FURTHER**, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities set forth in the State of Mississippi Emergency Operations Plan and 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, October 3, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

**SECRETARY OF STATE**