A PROCLAMATION By GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE

WHEREAS, heavy rainfall caused flash flooding over portions of northeast Mississippi on August 6, 2003, and adversely affected homes, businesses, public property of citizens in these and other areas of the State of Mississippi; 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 Lee and Tippah Counties and other areas of the State of Mississippi affected by flash flooding. 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, August 6, 2003, in the two hundred and twentyseventh year of the United States of America. RONNIE M**Ø**SGF GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

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