

PROCLAMATION
by
GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE

WHEREAS, on March 14, 1997, Governor Kirk Fordice signed a Proclamation pursuant to section 37-17-6 (11), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, that declared that a State of Emergency existed in the Oktibbeha County School District;

WHEREAS, the Proclamation was issued upon request by Resolution of the Commission on School Accreditation based upon findings that performance deficiencies of the Oktibbeha County School District resulting in the District being placed on probation had not been corrected and that the accreditation should therefore be withdrawn;

WHEREAS, in order that the Oktibbeha County School District be placed under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education as a result of the District's inability to meet the requirements of the Corrective Action Plan while on probation, it was necessary that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency in the District pursuant to the request of the Commission on School Accreditation;

WHEREAS, an interim Conservator was appointed by the State Board of Education to be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the District;

WHEREAS, the interim Conservator, with the State Superintendent of Education, has advised the State Board of Education that corrective action necessary to remove the deficiencies has been taken successfully by the District and based upon their recommendation the State Board of Education finds that the deficiencies of the District have been sufficiently corrected and that the reason for the State of Emergency no longer exist;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, with the concurrence of the Commission on Accreditation and pursuant to Section 37-17-6(11) of Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, has requested that Governor Ronnie Musgrove dissolve and lift the Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in the Oktibbeha County School District, and that upon the dissolution of the State of Emergency the accreditation of the Oktibbeha County School District will be thereupon reinstated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, upon request by the State Board of Education to lift and dissolve the State of Emergency existing in the Oktibbeha County School District based on findings that deficiencies in the District have been corrected and the reasons for a state of emergency no longer exist, do hereby declare and proclaim that the State of Emergency no longer exists in the Oktibbeha County School District and the Proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi on March 14, 1997 is dissolved and the accreditation of the Oktibbeha County School District reinstated, pursuant to Section 37-17-6 (11) and Section 7-1-5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and the authority vested in me by Section 123 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890.

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, March 27th, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-Fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE