

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the 2008 Hurricane Season begins on June 1 and continues through November 30. Mississippians know that even though few hurricanes have threatened the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the past two years, a hurricane is still one of the most dramatic, damaging and life altering events that can occur in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippians should be aware that the State is better prepared than ever to respond to a catastrophic event. Citizens can take an active role in improving their ability to survive and recover from the impact of these storms by preparing for the upcoming season. A family emergency plan should be developed, which should include learning evacuation routes and assembling a three to five day disaster supply kit that should contain:

- Flashlight and battery-powered radio with additional batteries
- Canned and non-perishable food
- Bottled water
- Toiletry items
- Pet food and pet supplies
- Medicine and prescription medication
- Copies of important family papers and documents

**WHEREAS**, by promoting awareness of the danger to the public's health and safety that hurricanes pose and helping with relief efforts when these powerful storms strike, we can reduce the risks of hurricane damage and help our neighbors recover more quickly from their devastating effects. With education, preparation, forecasting and coordination, we can save lives and improve Mississippi's ability to withstand the impact of hurricanes.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of May 26 – 30, 2008 as

## **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all government agencies, private organizations, news media and residents in hurricane-prone areas to share information about hurricane preparedness and response in order to help prevent storm damage and save lives.



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, on the twenty-eighth day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR