

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 831**

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi has laid a strong foundation for education through the Mississippi Adequate Education Program which will reach its full implementation by the year 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi must continue to take sound and innovative measure to strengthen its schools; and

**WHEREAS**, technology and the world wide web offer exceptional educational resources for Mississippi=s school children and teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the public and private sectors, working together, have the capability to make technology and world wide web resources available to Mississippi=s school children and teachers by placing an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom in every school in every district in every county of the State of Mississippi;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby create and establish the Governor=s Task Force for Classroom Technology.

### **I. PURPOSE**

The Governor=s Task Force for Classroom Technology shall be a time-limited commission with the sole purpose of accomplishing the goal of placing an Internet-accessible computer in every public, elementary and secondary classroom in Mississippi by the end of 2002.

### **II. MEMBERSHIP**

The Task Force shall be co-chaired by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Education.

The Governor shall appoint the following members to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor:

1. a representative of Information Technology Services;
2. a representative of the Public Education Forum;
3. a representative of the Education Technology Council
4. a representative of the State Department of Education
5. a representative of the Mississippi Economic Council
6. a representative of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents
7. a representative of Mississippi Education Television
8. a representative of the State Parent Teachers Association
9. a representative of the Governor=s Office

10. three public school teachers
11. representatives of private foundations and corporations, selected at large by the Governor
12. other representatives deemed appropriate by the co-chairs of the Task Force.

### **III. FUNCTIONS**

The Task Force shall be charged with supporting legislative initiatives to finance the project, with pursuing private sector financial support, and with raising public awareness of the project. The Task Force shall also be charged with taking all other action necessary to accomplish the purpose of the Task Force.

### **IV. COMPENSATION**

Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for service on the Task Force and shall receive per diem and reimbursement for actual expenses to the extent allowed by specific legislation.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until rescinded.

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

**DONE** at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, March 3, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE