

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am delighted to welcome everyone to another season of Golden Eagle football at the University of Southern Mississippi. This year's season promises to be exciting as anxious fans gather to cheer for their teams with a fierce sense of pride and competition. Welcome Mississippians, visitors and football fans, to the beautiful and friendly State of Mississippi and the **2001 Football Season!**

One of the year's most anticipated seasons, football is characterized by tremendous fun and excitement, as we cheer on these great athletes that are dedicated to the American pastime of football. Mississippi families as well as others across the nation, gather to anticipate the challenge and see who will reign as champions.

I commend the coaches, players and fans of the Golden Eagles. Your dedication to excellence in football and your spirit of competition is sure to provide for another great year. Best wishes for an incredible season.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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