"As you gather with friends and family this Thanksgiving, take a moment to pause and give thanks for the many gifts we receive. We should be thankful for the blessings of our families, our lives, our homes and our health during these turbulent times.

Remember too that more cooking fires occur in homes on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year. Please, this year as you reminisce with friends and family, do not leave the cooking unattended.

I am proud to lead the staffs of the Mississippi Insurance Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office, and on their behalf I wish you all a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving."