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**Statement from the Commissioner of  
Insurance/State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney  
regarding Fire Safety Code Violations at the  
Eudora Welty Library**

**"On October 4, 2017, the State Fire Marshal's Office, in the interest of public safety, conducted a fire and life safety inspection of the Eudora Welty Library. Numerous life safety conditions and violations of the Mississippi Fire Prevention Code were found. As a result, beginning at 5:00 pm on October 5, 2017, the Eudora Welty Library will be closed to the public until the violations and conditions are corrected.**

**The State Fire Marshal's Office is committed to working with city and county officials to resolve this matter as quickly as possible while protecting the health and safety of the public."**