

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, International Literacy Day was declared in 1966 by United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization and is celebrated each year on September 8; and

WHEREAS, its purpose is to recognize institutions, organizations, and individuals which have “distinguished themselves by making a particularly meritorious and effective contribution to the struggle against illiteracy” such as GED and Adult Basic Education Programs; and

WHEREAS, the idea was developed, by the World Congress of Ministers of Education, on the Eradication of Illiteracy when they met September 8-9, 1965, in Teheran, Iran; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Conference of UNESCO adopted the recommendations reached in Teheran the previous year and on September 8, the day the congress convened, was declared World Literacy Day; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Literacy Partners in Service (ALPS) recognizes this meritorious service in the struggle against illiteracy and is a networking organization for literacy and adult basic skills instruction providers located along the Mississippi Gulf Coast:

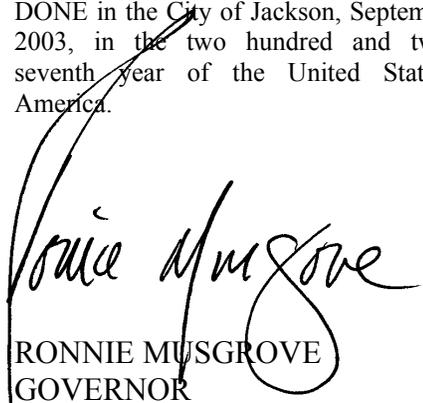
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 8, 2003, as

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

in the State of Mississippi to raise the public’s awareness to the need for an increasing level of basic academic skills, ensuring a trainable work force, and enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of this great state.

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, September 3, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.



RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR