

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, community-owned and operated health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers expand access to quality health care for all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers have made great strides in the Mississippi health care system specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a continuing need to support implementation of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Mississippi as part of Mississippi's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers promote 100% access and zero health disparities to help achieve health care for all people:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi.

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, July 11, 2003 in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR