A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is dedicated to providing quality educational programs to meet the needs of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 5th Annual IHL College Fair will be held October 21 and October 22 and will provide "one-stop shopping" to students for information on admissions, financial aid, and student life at Mississippi's eight public universities; and

WHEREAS, college planning materials provided to students and parents at past Fairs have won national awards; and

WHEREAS, universities featured at the IHL College Fair include Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, along with the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, over 33,000 students and parents have attended past Fairs and attendance by high schools has increased four times since the initial 32 schools participated in the first Fair in 1999 to 122 schools participating in the 2002 Fair; and

WHEREAS, the Fair is different from college nights at high schools in that students and parents can interact with actual personnel, including professors, deans and department heads from top-degree programs at Mississippi's universities, at the Fair:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of October 20, 2003, as

COLLEGE FAIR 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 01, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR