

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi will join parents and organizations nationwide to recognize Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part time and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families in our state, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, the future of our state depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and

WHEREAS, high quality early childhood services such as child care represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

WHEREAS, it takes a special person to work in this field and their contribution to our children's future is worthy of the highest respect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 9, 2003, as

PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in the State of Mississippi and urge all Mississippians to recognize Mississippi's Child Care Providers for their many achievements and their important role in Mississippi's future.

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, May 5, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR