

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, in 1869, the American Missionary Association of New York purchased a plantation of five hundred acres of land near Jackson, Mississippi, and established on it a school for the training of young people “irrespective of religious tenets, and conducted on the most liberal principles for the benefit of our citizens in general”; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1871, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi granted the institution a charter under the name of “Tougaloo University” where The Normal Department was recognized as a teacher training school until 1892 when the college ceased to receive aid from the state; and

**WHEREAS**, courses for college credit were first offered in 1897, the first Bachelor of Arts degree was granted in 1901 and in 1916, the name of the institution was changed to *Tougaloo College*; and

**WHEREAS**, Tougaloo College is an historically African American, private, coeducational, church-related, four-year, liberal arts institution located at the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Tougaloo College has won national respect for its high academic standards and level of social commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, September 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 has been designated by the President of the United States as *National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tougaloo College family will celebrate *HBCU Day* on Wednesday, September 17, 2003:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as

**TOUGALOO COLLEGE DAY**

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, September 10, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR