A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, responsible fathers of the State of Mississippi come together inspired by the best of the American tradition, it is our goal to seek the support of families to provide care, love, nurturing, spiritual guidance, financial support, emotional and social development for their children; and

WHEREAS, "Fatherhood: A Rededication of Our Commitment to Our Children and Families" is the theme chosen to issue the call to fathers and to show appreciation for the noble and honorable duties that responsible fathers perform daily on behalf of their children and families; and

WHEREAS, Responsible Fatherhood Month is an excellent time for all Mississippians to come together believing that what divides us is far less important than what unites us "Our Children": and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of June 2003, as

RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD MONTH

in the State of Mississippi, and encourage all Mississippians to join me in the commitment of restoring the institution of loving fatherhood for all men.

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 16, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR