A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, blood-related cancers currently afflict more than 640,000 Americans with an estimated 107,000 new cases diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will kiss an estimated 60,000 people in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from them; and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society maintains an office in Ridgeland to support patients with these diseases and their family members in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of September 2002, as

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

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 6, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR