

Boys & Girls Club Week Proclamation Signing  
Tuesday, April 11, 2000  
4:30 p.m.  
Capitol Rotunda (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Use low tones. Stand up straight. Don't fidget while other people are speaking.

## Welcome

I am pleased to be here today as I proclaim April the 9<sup>th</sup> through April the 15<sup>th</sup>, Boys & Girls Club Week.

Just this past summer I had the opportunity to visit and tour the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson. It was inspiring to see the positive role that this club plays in the lives of so many children of, not only Jackson, but of children across the State of Mississippi.

The Boys and Girls Club gives children a safe place to go with positive role models. It also provides structured activities and a positive learning environment for the young people.

Boys and Girls Clubs across our state have been operating for years and years. The Jackson Club has 140 years of history. That means that thousands of young people have benefited from the Boys and Girls Club.

As we celebrate Boys and Girls Club Week, I would like to encourage all alumni of any Boys and Girls Club to reach out to the children who are now involved with a club. It is vital that you take time to give back to the organization that gave you so much. I hope that you will take the time to volunteer to help other children.

It is my honor to now read and sign the following proclamation:

(Read and Sign)

Turn and hand the signed proclamation to Billy Redd.