

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, access to nutritionally adequate and safe food is an essential factor in the ability of individual and families to be active, healthy, productive member of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, alleviation of hunger and achievement of world food security is essential to the attainment and maintenance of world peace; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 800 million people suffer from chronic hunger and malnutrition; and

**WHEREAS**, the **2001 Rural Poverty Report** published by the International fund for Agricultural Development identified a continuing international challenge of hunger and a related potential for disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States of America, since 1981, World Food Day has been recognized and supported by Presidents, U.S. Congresses, Governors of the separate States, and Mayors of many municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States of America, 450 sponsoring organizations observe World Food Day as a means of increasing awareness, understanding and informed year-round action to alleviate hunger and increase food security for all persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of hunger and the attainment of world food security is in the interest of all citizens of Mississippi, food consumers and food producer alike:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 16, 2002, as

**WORLD FOOD DAY**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to engage in programs and activities that serve those in need.

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, October 11, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR