

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by Black college women; and

WHEREAS, the sorority's roots date back to Howard University, Washington, D.C., where the idea for formation was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Missouri, to enrich the aspects of college life by providing a sisterhood that provides social and intellectual stimulation; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority "cuts across racial, international, physical, and social barriers to help individuals and communities develop and maintain constructive relationships with others" in a world that is driven by individualism, is ruled by materialism and competition, and is dependent on technology instead of human compassion and instinct; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority consists of more than 170,000 women with high ethical and scholastic standards who work to improve the quality of life in their communities through education, community service, and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Linda M. White is the 26th president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and is to be commended for her dedication and commitment to this sisterhood and her leadership of extraordinary African-American females throughout the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 28, 2003, as

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA 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, March 28, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**