A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi recognizes the immense contribution of paralegals to the legal profession in the Magnolia State and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, through the evolution of paralegals, the judicial system has been able to respond to the dramatic increase in court caseload in recent years; and

WHEREAS, attorneys are able to concentrate their time and efforts at a higher level of expertise because paralegals have taken responsibility for a substantive portion of the legal work previously performed by attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the general public is better able to afford increased access to quality legal services because of the paralegal profession:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 11, 2003, as

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in the State of Mississippi and recognize paralegals as integral partners in the costefficient delivery of legal services.

> 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, April 8, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR