

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, May 11 through May 18, 2003, has been named Jewelers Charity Fund for Children Week by Jewelers of America Inc., the national trade associate for the retailer jeweler serving as both a center of knowledge for the jeweler and an advocate for professionalism and high social, ethical and environmental standards in the jewelry trade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jewelers Charity Fund for Children, a nonprofit organization that has been created by the fine jewelry and diamond industry, is dedicated to raising funds for charities that primarily benefit children—recipient charities include the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, children are more precious than any gem and through the efforts of the jewelry industry’s charity, children with catastrophic illnesses are helped through special programs promoting research, education and wish-granting—more than \$6.5 million has been donated to JCF’s recipient charities since 1999:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 11 through May 18, 2003, as

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in the State of Mississippi and urge all our citizens to pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice given by these heroes.

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, May 13, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR