

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, individual and organized forms of recreation and use of leisure time are vital to the lives of all Americans, especially persons with physical, mental, emotional and/or social limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of therapeutic recreation is accomplished through the provision of programs and services which assist in eliminating barriers to leisure, developing leisure skills and attitudes, and optimizing leisure involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Therapeutic Recreation Society, a branch of the National Recreation and Park Association, originated a week of observances to focus on the value of recreation and leisure experiences for all persons, including those with physical, mental, emotional and/or social limitations:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 13 through July 19, 2003, as

**NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi, and I urge all citizens to support this observance, and to promote and enhance the quality of life for persons with physical, mental, emotional, and/or social limitations.

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, June 17, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR