

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, associations advance Mississippi. This important ingredient in Mississippi's economy contributes to our employment, economic well-being, community spirit, national and international relations and our overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, associations directly represent more than 100,000 members who belong to and participate in many different trade and professional organizations, representing hundreds and thousands of Mississippians; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of Mississippi trade shows, conferences, seminars and conventions exceeds \$200 million annually, through which associations contribute to a multi-million dollar market and support thousands of jobs at every skill level in our state; and

WHEREAS, the association industry promotes positive relations between Mississippi and her national and international neighbors by providing educational programs and information exchanges to insure continued growth and support for Mississippians:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 3 through November 9, 2002, as

ASSOCIATION WEEK

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, November 1, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR