

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the young people of Mississippi are tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, many such young people need professional youth services to help them to cope with a wide range of social and financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, there are 60 Boys & Girls Clubs in Mississippi providing services to more than 52,300 young people annually; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs are at the forefront of efforts in literacy programs, homework help, tutorial assistance, substance abuse prevention, and recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs in our state help ensure that our young people keep off the streets, offering them a safe and supportive place to go and providing them with quality programs; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mississippi will celebrate National Boys & Girls Club Week 2003, along with some 2,700 clubs and more than 3.3 million young people nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 6 through April 12, 2003, as

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and call upon all citizens to join me in recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Club organizations in our state for providing comprehensive, effective services to the young people in our communities and providing a positive place for kids.

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 3, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR