

**A Proclamation**  
**By**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, the good health and general well-being of the people of the great State of Mississippi is strengthened by our knowledge and understanding of a rare birth defect known as Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS); and

**WHEREAS**, children born with CdLS are usually in low birth weight and develop at a slower rate, both mentally and physically, and possess other physical complications; and although a cause has not been discovered, dedicated medical professionals are presently involved in valuable research and education activities to explore new possibilities and to offer hope; and

**WHEREAS**, a leading advocate and active voice in offering parental and family support while increasing public awareness about CdLS, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, is a non-profit family support organization whose mission of Reaching out, Providing help and Giving hope; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi is pleased to join people throughout our state in promoting a special celebration, which seeks to raise awareness of Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of people with CdLS and their caregivers;

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

**Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to join in celebrating and recognizing the incalculable contribution Catholic schools make in our State and in our nation.

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 5, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**GOVERNOR**