

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, STUDENT-Athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics, while having made significant contributions to their communities, should be looked upon as role models for the youth of America; and

WHEREAS, former STUDENT-Athletes have proven they are successful away from the game, having become many of this country's business, governmental, community, and educational leaders; and

WHEREAS, perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, commitment to a goal and the belief in racial, gender, and ethnic equality are fostered and promoted by both the academic and athletic pursuits of STUDENT-Athletes; and

WHEREAS, it takes tremendous dedication and hard work for STUDENT-Athletes to successfully juggle schoolwork, athletic training, and social activities; and

WHEREAS, athletes concentrate on the joy and skill of the game rather than just victory; and

WHEREAS, thousands of America's youth use their athletic ability to allow them to obtain an education and develop skills to help them later in life; and

WHEREAS, coaches, parents, and educators express the highest expectations for academic performance as well as athletic performance:

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

NATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE DAY

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

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR