

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, President Carter, following his swearing-in ceremony in 1977, put among his highest priorities the plight of hundreds of thousands of unemployed Vietnam-era and disabled Veterans across the country, implemented the Disable Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) in one hundred major cities across the country, as one of his initiatives to bring Vietnam-era Veterans back into the mainstream of the labor market; and

WHEREAS, the DVOP has continued to change over the past twenty-five years with the focus still on the Vietnam-era and Disabled Veterans—it was instrumental in helping to place thousands of veterans in jobs after the Desert Storm War and military downsizing; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's DVOP staff provides full Employment Services, assisting with the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), setting up Job Fairs attended by thousands of veterans and family members and providing employment and veterans benefits information allowing personnel in the military to make a smooth transition to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, 2002 marks the 25th Anniversary of the DVOP, a program which has touched the lives of millions of veterans across the country, and has become an intricate part of the community working with other veteran service providers to secure veteran benefits, training, and employment—thus saving the tax payers millions of dollars, making a difference to veterans and their families, and the community:

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

**25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DISABLED VETERAN OUTREACH PROGRAM (DVOP)**

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 26, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR