

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, drunk driving accidents take a life every 30 minutes and injure someone every 2 minutes—16,653 Americans died in alcohol-related crashes in 2000; and

WHEREAS, in Mississippi, an estimated 29,700 crashes involved alcohol which killed 379 and injured an estimated 3,600 people; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ronnie Musgrove signed Senate Bill 2848 on March 18, 2002, to lower the Blood Alcohol level for intoxication to .08 percent; and

WHEREAS, drunk driving statistics show that about 3 in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives; and

WHEREAS, the family of Justin Perry, the victim of a drunk driver at age 20, will hold a walk-a-thon in Tunica on April 18, 2003, to honor his memory—the proceeds will provide a scholarship for a needy child at the Tunica Institute of Learning, and will also benefit the Fairland House Alcohol Recovery Center in Clarksdale, Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 18, 2003, as

DRUNK DRIVER VICTIMS REMEMBRANCE

in the State of Mississippi in honor of their lives, their families who carry on, and the countless people who serve as designated drivers, law enforcers and others who work to raise awareness and lower the number of impaired drivers.

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 17, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR