

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS,** Robert G. Clark earned degrees from Jackson State University, University of Mississippi, Michigan State University, Florida A & M University, Western Michigan University and a Doctorate of Humane letters from Tougaloo College; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert G. Clark was first elected to serve in the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1967, making him the longest serving member in continuous House Service. He was the first African American elected to the state legislative body since the Reconstruction era, and the first African American committee chairman in 1977 and in 1992, Robert G. Clark was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert G. Clark played a monumental role in passing the Education Enhancement Act providing Mississippi's schools with the funds to repair numerous school districts across the state; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert G. Clark is the senior ranking member of the Mississippi's Legislative Black Caucus, is a member of the Jackson State University Alumni Association, the Harvard University Club of Mississippi, and the Freedom Democratic Party of Holmes County Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert G. Clark is active in community service as one of the original members of the Board of Directors for Central Mississippi Inc., and organizer of the Milton Olive III Memorial Corp, Director of Project Second Start At Saints Junior College, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Action for Community Education organization, and organizer of the Fine Housing Enterprise program and the Holmes County 21<sup>st</sup> Century Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** he is the recipient of numerous awards including Alumnus of the Year from Jackson State University, Award of Distinction and Outstanding Leadership Award by University of Mississippi, and Outstanding Achievement Award for Education; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert G. Clark is retiring from his distinguished career as a public servant with the Mississippi House of Representatives:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 10, 2003 as

**ROBERT G. CLARK 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, October 24, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR