

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, over 90% of 4th and 8th Grade students scored below proficient on the recent National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) mathematics test; and

WHEREAS, basic skill proficiency is the number one goal of national and state education standards and assessment advocates; and

WHEREAS, parents and other citizens must work together with educators and mathematicians in order to teach students using scientifically proven practices; and

WHEREAS, a strong mathematics foundation is necessary to advanced study and discovery in higher mathematics as well as all the sciences including computers and medicine; and

WHEREAS, a working knowledge of mathematics is critical to understanding and contributing to an increasingly technological world; and

WHEREAS, an informed citizenry, economic development, responsive local, state and federal governments and national security all depend on an educated population; and

WHEREAS, currently entering its second year, Math Literacy Week focuses much needed attention on improving mathematics understanding in Mississippi and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Digi-Block Inc. is an education company committed to encouraging students to develop a lifelong love for mathematics learning and helping them excel in the subject; and

WHEREAS, as a nation we value excellence in all things but particularly in the area of mathematics by designating a special Math Literacy week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 7 through October 10, 2003, as

MATH LITERACY WEEK

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, July 14, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR