A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a right guaranteed to all Americans under Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, fair housing is also right for America and its citizens, and it is a principle that is consistent with the best traditions of play, individual equality and freedom of choice on which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the thirty-fifth anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom of choice, and to reacquaint themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the law; and

WHEREAS, fair housing is the policy of Mississippi, and the implementation of that policy requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each and every one of our citizens:

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

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the State of Mississippi, and I encourage all citizens to join me in reaffirming their obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for everyone.

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

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR