

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, born in Atlanta, Georgia, Dorothy Norwood began singing and touring with her family at the age of eight years old; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1956, she moved to Chicago, Illinois and was soon singing with such notables as the late great Mahalia Jackson, the world famous Caravans, and Reverend James Cleveland; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Norwood launched her career in 1964 by recording her first album, “Johnny and Jesus,” with Savoy Records, which brought her national attention and a Gold Album; and

**WHEREAS**, she was subsequently introduced to European audiences in a critically acclaimed tour of Germany, France, and England along with such gospel greats as the Harmonizing Four and the Gospelairees; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the highlights of her career came in 1972 when she was signed by Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones on their American Tour which was a great success covering 30 states and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Norwood returned to Europe in 1980 to tape a special for British television along with such luminaries as Marian Williams, the Reverend James Cleveland, the Southern California Community Choir and special guest Natalie Cole—the show was a phenomenal success and received excellent reviews in the British press; and

**WHEREAS**, she returned to England in 1990 to perform concerts in London, Birmingham and North Hampton:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim

**Dorothy Norwood**

as a 2002 honoree of the Jackson Music Awards **National Gospel Diva** and commend you for your talents and accomplishments in the music industry.

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, 2001, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR