

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Vergia Towner Dishmon, often referred to as “The Songbird,” is blessed with the gift of song—her mission is to sing to the glory and honor of God, and at the same time, share the gift He has given her with the world by demonstrating her professionalism, style and expertise by serving as a vocalist, arranger and composer; and

**WHEREAS**, Vergia Towner Dishmon is a native Mississippian and the daughter of a Baptist minister; and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree, she decided to devote more time to music—her first solo album “Jesus and I” was very successful and played a part in being voted “Best Female Vocalist” at the Jackson Music Awards in 1985 and again in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987, Vergia Towner Dishmon was invited to East Germany to perform in Berlin, Frankfurt, Suhl, Weimar, Karl Marx Stadt and several other cities—her soothing melodic tones proved to be captivating to the “standing-room-only” audiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Vergia Towner Dishmon’s accomplishments, honors, and accolades are many and she continues to sing all over the United States—she released her latest CD in September of 1999 and her ultimate goal is “to keep singing praises to God and share His message with the world through my music ministry:”

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

**Vergia Dishmond**

as a 2002 honoree of the Jackson Music Awards **Mississippi 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