A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Betty Wright was born on the December 21, 1953, in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright's first recordings were as back-up singer for her family's gospel group, the Echoes of Joy, and later embarked on a solo career and had a minor hit with 'Girls Can't Do What The Guys Do' in 1968; and

WHEREAS, 'Clean Up Woman' hit number 2 on the US R&B chart and number 6 on the pop chart and established a more powerful, less passive style; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright continued recording throughout the 1980's and embarked on a career as a talk show hostess; and

WHEREAS, in 2001/2002, Ms. Wright returned to music scene with a new album entitled 'Fit For A King' on her own Ms B label:

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

Betty Wright

as a 2002 honoree of the Jackson Music Awards **National Rhythm and Blues 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 15, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR