

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, in Mississippi, children and youth in foster care are being provided a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurturing of a foster family; and

WHEREAS, foster families, who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi expresses gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the children who benefit from the actions of those who serve as Foster Parents:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 2003, as

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and the child welfare professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

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, May 1, 2003,
in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of
the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR