

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, less than 30% of fourth, eighth and twelfth grade students in U.S. schools score at or above grade level in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, basic skill proficiency is the number one goal of national and state education standards and assessment advocates; and

WHEREAS, parents and other citizens must work together with educators and mathematicians in order to teach students using best instructional practices; and

WHEREAS, a strong mathematics foundation is necessary to advanced study and discovery in higher mathematics as well as all the sciences including computers and medicine; and

WHEREAS, a working knowledge of mathematics is critical to understanding and contributing to an increasingly technological world; and

WHEREAS, an informed citizenry, economic development, responsive local, state and federal governments and national security all depend on an educated population; and

WHEREAS, as a nation, we value excellence in all things but particularly in the area of mathematics proficiency by designating a special Math Literacy Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 7 through October 11, 2002, as

MATH LITERACY WEEK

in the State of Mississippi.

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, September 25, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR