

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, organic food production is based on a system of agriculture that maintains and replenishes soil fertility without the use of toxic and persistent pesticides and fertilizers; and

WHEREAS, organic agriculture benefits both our environment and economy, encouraging sustainability while promoting the continued growth of our agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, organic agriculture helps preserve the quality of our water and protect the health of our environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Organic Harvest Month in the year 2002 provides a unique opportunity for citizens of the State of Mississippi to celebrate the bounty of the organic harvest and the wide variety of certified organic products available throughout our state and across the nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 2002, as

ORGANIC HARVEST MONTH

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, August 27, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR