

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Mississippi Minority Enterprise Development has remained a leading and very effective advocate for Mississippi's minority owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we encourage and support continued expansion and growth of minority entrepreneurship affording widespread participation throughout our great state; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased need for innovative and creative marketing strategy combined with amplified access to start-up funds as well as increased availability of financial support that bolsters growth and helps to ensure the success of minority owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is strengthened and thrives when all of our people and businesses prosper and thrive; and

WHEREAS, my administration proudly supports Mississippi Minority Enterprise Development Week, with its 2002 theme of "*Strategies for Growth in the American Economy, Part II: The Entrepreneurial Economy*" and offer continued support of efforts that help create, promote, nurture, advance and sustain Mississippi's minority owned businesses:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of September 16 through September 20, 2002, as

MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the accomplishments of minority entrepreneurs.

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 10, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR