

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one-half million participants; and

WHEREAS, baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so that they might become better qualified citizens; and

WHEREAS, the art of baton twirling is today one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements for girls; and

WHEREAS, baton twirling plays an important part in children's hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, baton twirlers lend so much color and inspiration to our community; and

WHEREAS, champion twirlers from all over the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame July 22-26, 2003, to conduct a colorful youth pageant called "America's Youth on Parade"; and

WHEREAS, the Grand National baton twirling championships will be conducted as part of the big Notre Dame festival

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim Sunday, July 20, through Saturday, July 26, 2003, as

NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

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, June 27, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR