A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States began and ended a four year struggle; and

WHEREAS, on Confederate Memorial Day, we recognize those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Americans to reflect upon our nation's past, to gain insight from our mistakes and successes, and to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage and our opportunities which lie before us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, honoring the request of THE DESCENDANTS OF SOUTHERN PATRIOTS, proclaim the month of April as

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE 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, March 7, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR