A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi recognizes the technology advancements and economic impact world-wide of the 4000 marine engineers and scientists of the Marine Technology Society (MTS) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE); and

WHEREAS, MTS/IEEE OCEANS 2002, the most significant conference for ocean science and technology, will provide forums to share and foster advances in a wide range of marine disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi houses one of the world's largest concentration of marine professionals dedicated to marine technology and engineering in ocean measurement and analysis, shipbuilding, fishing, and research; and

WHEREAS, the MTS and IEEE have chosen Biloxi, Mississippi for the MTS/IEEE OCEANS 2002 convention:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 27 through November 2, 2002, as

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in the State of Mississippi to recognize the professionalism of the MTS and IEEE societies and the contributions of marine science, technology and engineering housed on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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, October 11, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR