A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Mississippians have long been recognized for their willingness to help their neighbors and to work together to improve their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's many volunteers of all ages constitute one of our greatest treasures; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life in our state is enhanced by the efforts of citizens who seek opportunities to dedicate time and resources to make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, connecting with others and working together through volunteer service can bridge the differences that separate people and help solve serious social problems; and

WHEREAS, volunteer service is an investment in the future we all must share; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, the Mississippi Department of Education, and the Mississippi Office of the Corporation for National Service have joined together in partnership to promote Make A Difference Day, a day of volunteer service nationwide:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 26, 2002, as

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to observe this endeavor by joining with friends, fellow employees and relatives, as well as religious, school and civic groups to engage in projects that will benefit our communities.

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 6, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR