

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children's Services, is observing and celebrating National Foster Care Awareness during the month of May 2002; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi recognizes and values Foster Care as a valuable resource in providing temporary families for children; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children's Services, expresses gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the children who benefit from the actions of those who serve as Foster Parents; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Mississippi are proud and honored to recognize the public and private organizations and numerous individuals who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents who open their hearts and homes to foster children:

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

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE 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, April 22, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR