

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the bear is a symbol of wilderness and an integral part of natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, a growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining biological diversity has raised public interest in bears; and

WHEREAS, the future of the bear in the United States of America remains uncertain and depends upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role bears play in nature; and

WHEREAS, public education is key to improved understanding and appreciation of bears; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 3 through June 7, 2002, as

BEAR AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Mississippi, and commend this observance to the people of this state.

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 10, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR