

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Howlin’ Wolf, was born Chester Burnett, on June 10, 1910, in the White Station area of Clay County, Mississippi, and went on to become one of the most influential and respected blues artist of all time; and

**WHEREAS**, musicians from the Rolling Stones to Jimi Hendrix to even John Lennon consider Wolf as one of the biggest musical influences of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Wolf died on January 10, 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, eight years ago, the Howlin’ Wolf Blues Society began their Howlin’ Wolf Memorial Blues Festival and the City of West Point claimed this musical legacy all their own; and

**WHEREAS**, this festival now attracts international attention and “Wolf” should properly be recognized as one of Mississippi’s most acclaimed musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, by helping remember this blues legend, the Howlin’ Wolf Blues Society will hold a memorial blues festival on August 29, 2003, in West Point, Mississippi for the legacy Wolf has created for himself, Mississippi, and the Blues:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 29, 2003 as

**HOWLIN’ WOLF MEMORIAL BLUES FESTIVAL DAY**

of 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 West Point, August 29, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR