

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi will join parents and organizations nationwide to recognize Child Care Providers on this day; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part time and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

**WHEREAS**, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families in our state, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of our state depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and

**WHEREAS**, high quality early childhood services such as child care represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

**WHEREAS**, it takes a special person to work in this field and their contribution to our children's future is worthy of the highest respect:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 10, 2002, as

**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all Mississippians to recognize Mississippi's Child Care Providers for their many achievements and their important role in Mississippi's future.

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, February 21, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR