

**A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi has a strong commitment to the intellectual growth and career development of her citizens, and every effort should be made to ensure that no student who wants to earn a community or 4-year degree is denied that opportunity due to an inability to pay the rising costs of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc., (MASFAA) has chosen the month of January to focus on promoting awareness of the various opportunities for financial assistance available to qualifying citizens of Mississippi through federal, state, and institutional resources; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 100,000 Mississippians are served through Grants, Scholarships, Loans, Work Study, etc., which are funded through federal, state, local and private sources; and

**WHEREAS**, January is the time of year when students may begin applying for financial aid; and

**WHEREAS**, Financial Aid Awareness month is fully endorsed and supported by local state, and national entities including the Education Services Foundation (ESF), Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), Mississippi Association of Colleges, Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges, Mississippi Community/Junior College Board, Mississippi Counselors Association, Mississippi Parent Teacher Association, the Mississippi State Superintendent of Education, and USA Group:

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

**FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS 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, January 2, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR**