## A Proclamation by Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, in 1977 David Mabry had the vision to create and organize the Mississippi Karate Association; and

**WHEREAS**, David Mabry has served as President of the Mississippi Karate Association providing exemplary leadership to the organization and bringing recognition to the art of Karate and the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, David Mabry was among the first members admitted to the Black Belt Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, David Mabry has been an active member of the Southside Assembly of God, where he has served as Deacon; and

**WHEREAS,** through his commitment over the past thirty-five years to serve, instruct and mentor thousands of men, women and children, David Mabry has been responsible for their physical, mental and spiritual improvement; and

**WHEREAS,** the growth of Karate in Mississippi has been strong and sure because of the devotion of David Mabry, and thereby his students and colleagues have been endowed with the self-confidence and discipline to lead productive, responsible lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby commend David Mabry and his dedicated leadership of the Mississippi Karate Association and the inspiration he has provided to so many through his devotion to the art of Karate, and wish for him and the members of the Association another thirty-five years of joyous service.

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 24, 2001 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR