

**A PROCLAMATION
BY
GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**

WHEREAS, DYSTONIA is a neurological disorder in which powerful, involuntary muscle spasms twist parts or all of the body; and

WHEREAS, such spasms are always disabling and often very painful; and

WHEREAS, the cause of **DYSTONIA** is unknown and there is no cure; and

WHEREAS, those who suffer from **DYSTONIA**, their families, and their friends have formed the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation to help one another and to seek the cause and cure; and

WHEREAS, the public knows little about **DYSTONIA**, which may affect as many as 300,000 people in North America; and

WHEREAS, many citizens react to the physical manifestations of **DYSTONIA** by avoiding those who have this disorder, causing them to experience isolation and often deep psychological distress; and

WHEREAS, greater recognition and understanding of **DYSTONIA** both in the medical and the lay communities is highly desirable; and

WHEREAS, widespread public support of efforts to find the causes and cure of **DYSTONIA** is needed;

NOW THEREFORE, I Ronnie Musgrove, governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2000

DYSTONIA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Mississippi.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have affixed the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this the 14th day of September 2000.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

