

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and citizens celebrate “America Recycles Day” each year to focus national attention on the importance of recycling; and

WHEREAS, state law requires each state agency to procure products made from recovered materials when those products are available at a competitive price; and

WHEREAS, recycling saves millions of dollars in landfill costs, conserves landfill space, creates jobs and serves as an easy way for citizens to help protect the environment by avoiding unnecessary use of important resources; and

WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board reports that more than 5,000 Mississippians are employed in firms that process recovered materials or use them in manufacturing and that more than \$430 million of value was added to recyclables in Mississippi through processing and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, state, community, and business leaders can spread the word about the existing recycling programs, the growth of state markets for recyclables, the importance of buying products made from recycled materials, the need to expand the collection of recyclable materials in a cost-efficient manner, and the benefits of investing in recycling for small and large businesses; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the America Recycles Day effort, government, business, and citizens can raise awareness about the need to and benefits of reducing waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 15, 2003, as

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

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, September 17, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR