A Proclamation by Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for skilled high-tech workers in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is a leader in fostering educational and career growth by implementing new training and certification programs within the information technology (IT) industry; and

WHEREAS, technical certification in the information technology industry ensures a measurable baseline of knowledge in how information technology functions and operates, and more than one million Novell certifications have been granted or are in progress worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is interested in implementing IT training and certifications that help individuals develop and become fluent in Internet, directory and network technologies, providing them access to well-paying careers and the skills they need to be successful in today's e-commerce economy; and;

WHEREAS, IT jobs today require leading edge skills around directory and Internet technology and Novell has the leading directory technology that helps companies lay the foundation for ebusiness; and

WHEREAS, Novell provides the premiere IT training and certification programs on the directory; giving students hands-on experience with Internet, directory and network technologies,

WHEREAS, certification programs directly correspond with this administration's desire for specialized technical training and certification as a basis for hiring in Mississippi;

Now, therefore, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 2000,

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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, February 9, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

> RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR