A Proclamation by Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, homeownership strengthens families, stabilizes neighborhoods, builds communities, and promotes personal well-being; and

WHEREAS, homeownership fosters economic prosperity for families and communities and generates economic growth; and

WHEREAS, key Mississippi housing partners including Fannie Mae, the Mississippi Home Corporation, Mississippi Association of Realtors, Mississippi Housing Initiative, Mississippi Mortgage Bankers Association, the Home Builders Association of Mississippi, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are actively engaged in increasing homeownership opportunities for the people of Mississippi and are doing so through the successful efforts of a partnership of public, private and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, these partners have successfully implemented many public and private sector partnership initiatives designed to foster homeownership in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, these programs which include the Housing Assistance for Teachers Program (H.A.T.), the Mississippi Single Family Residential Housing Revolving Loan Fund, the Mississippi Home Run Mortgage Program, the Corporate Employer Assisted Housing Initiatives, and the State Mortgage Revenue Board Program, and have helped to further increase Mississippi homeownership; and;

WHEREAS, programs and efforts of the state's housing partners have helped produce Mississippi's homeownership rate of 75%, which is even higher than the national rate of 67%; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 3-10, 2000 as

HOMEOWNERSHIP WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and call upon the people of the State of Mississippi to recognize this special observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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, June 8, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR