

A Proclamation  
by  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, our children are our future, and it is important that we help them to develop their minds and their creativity; and

**WHEREAS**, a knowledge of the performing arts is beneficial to the development of this creativity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Marble Celebration will provide children in Mississippi with an opportunity to learn about the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the festival would leave a legacy of new experiences in artistic expression for the community, the local area, and the entire state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the Blue Marble Celebration, April 19-20, 2001 as

**MISSISSIPPI'S CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL**

in the State of Mississippi and do encourage all citizens to support the efforts of the Brickfire Project, the Starkville Visitor's and Convention Council, Mississippi State University, Very Special Arts Mississippi, the Mississippi Arts Commission, the American Festival Project, the National Endowment for the Arts and other Starkville and statewide organizations as they present the Blue Marble Celebration.

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, November 16, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR