

**A Proclamation**  
**by**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Air Force has the primary mission of organizing, training, and equipping units to defend the United States through control and exploitation of air and space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) is an outstanding educational program which provides the college student an opportunity to become an Air Force officer while obtaining a degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the AFROTC program, conducted at the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi Valley State University, Delta State University, Mississippi University for Women, Northwest Mississippi Community College, and Northeast Mississippi Community College, represents a major source of commissioned officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) is to build better and more productive citizens in the nation's high schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the AFJROTC program, conducted at Columbus High School, South Panola High School, Biloxi Senior High School, Lafayette High School, Madison Central High School, Bay High School, Noxubee County High School, Rosa Fort High School, Raymond High School, Greenville High School, Natchez High School, Aberdeen High School, Holly Springs High School, West Lowndes High School, and Crystal Springs High School provides an excellent source of citizenship training to the young people of Mississippi;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2000, the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the United States Air Force as

**AIR FORCE ROTC DAY**

in the State of Mississippi and call to the attention of our citizens that Air Force ROTC and Air Force Junior ROTC serve vital functions of officer and citizenship training programs for the United States Air Force and the United States of America.

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 15, 2000, in the two  
hundred and twenty-fourth year of the  
United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE

GOVERNOR