

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, On February 25, 1929, the late Earl and Beatrice Martin were blessed with the second oldest of eleven children, that child being Brother Earl Martin; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Martin is a native Jackson, Mississippi, where he attended Martin Elementary, Jim Hill Junior High and Lanier High School—he also attended Jackson College for two years where he sang in the choir under the direction of Arealia Young; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Martin is a member of Greater Saint James M. B. Church where he has served as a superintendent of Sunday school, Sunday school teacher, choir member, BTU Scholar, and usher board; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Martin retired from the city of Jackson after being a welder for 41 years—he stated that he could weld anything with the exception of two things, a broken heart and the break of day; and

**WHEREAS**, some of his past and present affiliations include the West Jackson Community Club, Close Harmonies Singers, Seven Seals Singers, Jackson Friendly Choir, Clairettes Gospel Singer, and Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home Choir where he is one their lead singers; and

**WHEREAS**, he is married to the lovely Aslean B. Martin—he has ten children, eleven grandchildren, and one great grandchild—Brother Martin is known through out the community as the little man with the big voice—he can be found singing God’s praises with the Westhaven Choir—he is proud to be honored by the Jackson Music Awards Association:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 3, 2003, in honor of

**BROTHER EARL MARTIN JR.**

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, August 1, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR