

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Harvey Watkins Jr. was born on November 2, 1954—he is the fourth child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Watkins Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, when diagnosed with polio at the age of three, his parents relied on the power of prayer to heal his body; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Watkins is an acclaimed producer, song writer, and musician with numerous hit songs to his credit, including “Mississippi Po Boy”, “Fix It Jesus”, “I Made It”, “Clean Up”, and “Heavenly Choir”; and

**WHEREAS**, he is the lead singer of the noted Canton Spirituals and has two gold albums for Live in Memphis I and Memphis II—he has won numerous awards for his achievements in the Music Ministry including Grammy and Dove Award nominations as well as being a Stellar Award winner; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2003 he released his first solo album titled “It’s In My Heart”, which placed No. 11 on the Billboard Charts; and

**WHEREAS**, he is married to the lovely Mrs. Delores Watkins and they have one daughter, Miss Tina Watkins—he is proud to be honored by the Jackson Music Award Association:

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

**MR. HARVEY L. WATKINS 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