

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Virgie Hitt Williams was born on August 19, 1903; and

**WHEREAS**, she began teaching in 1929 in Newton, Mississippi and retired in 1970 after teaching 5 generations of families; and

**WHEREAS**, Virgie Hitt Williams attended college at Acorn A & M, Jackson State University and Tuskegee University earning a BA in Education; and

**WHEREAS**, teaching being her greatest joy, she followed her father's footsteps who was one of the first African-American teachers in the South in the early 1900's; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Williams contributes confidence, trust and determination to her longevity; and

**WHEREAS**, she has two living sisters in Michigan one 88 and 80, and her mother passed in 1969 at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS**, Virgie Williams was the second child born to Henry Richard Hitt and Susan Jordan Hitt and is affectionately known as "Sis" to family and close friends, in Newton she is called "Mother" by most people in the community. Her four sons were all honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Services:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 19, 2003, in honor of

**MRS. VIRGIE HITT WILLIAMS**

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, July 15, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR