

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles 2003 baseball team finished the baseball season with an overall record of 47-16 and hosted a 2003 Baseball Regional under the coaching of Corky Palmer and assistant coaches Scott Berry, and Lane Burroughs; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles finished 23-7 in Conference USA and won the program's first regular season championship and the tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles were ranked in the national Top 25 for twelve-straight polls and ranked 18th in the final USA Today/Baseball Weekly Coaches Poll; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles ranked No. 2 in double plays turned, No. 5 in home runs per game, No. 8 in win-loss percentage, No. 12 in slugging percentage, No. 13 in earned run average and No. 18 in scoring for the nation; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in the program's history, three Golden Eagles players were drafted in the top ten rounds of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft and one player signed a free agent contract; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles head coach, Corky Palmer, was named the Conference USA/Keith LeClair Conference Coach of the Year:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 9, 2003, as

USM GOLDEN EAGLES BASEBALL DAY

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 8, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR