

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, a strong, effective system of free public school education for all children and youth is essential to our democratic system of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education; and

**WHEREAS**, much of this progress can be attributed to the qualified and dedicated teachers entrusted with the educational development of our children to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers should be accorded high public esteem, reflecting the value the community places on public education; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans should acknowledge the importance and impact of teachers on children; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that teachers be recognized for this dedication and commitment to educating their students:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 4 through May 11 as

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all our citizens to pay tribute to teachers across the state.

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, May 5, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR