

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the safe transportation of Mississippi's school children is of great concern to all citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of accidents requires heightened awareness on the part of motorists; and

WHEREAS, over 410,000 students are transported to and from school each day in more than 5,700 school buses that travel more than 53 million miles each year in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, thanks to driver and student education programs, careful maintenance of buses, and inspections by the Mississippi Department of Education and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, pupil transportation in the State of Mississippi has compiled an excellent safety record:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2003, as

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to exercise courtesy and caution near school buses, in order that the children of our state may have the safest possible system of transportation, and to recognize the dedication of the thousands of people who are committed to ensuring our children have a safe and pleasant ride to and from school each day.

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 27, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR