

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 1996, Congress passed the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 to honor each of the 50 States with a quarter emblematic of that State to be issued in the order of each State's admission to the Union; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi quarter, the fifth and last quarter of 2002 and 20th in the series, showcases the beauty and elegance of the state flower, combining the blossoms and leaves of two magnolias (adopted as the state flower in 1952) with the inscription, "The Magnolia State;" and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Mint has created the Mississippi State Quarter Day page on the U.S. Mint's *Hip Pocket Change* website at [www.usmint.gov/kids](http://www.usmint.gov/kids) to help teachers bring this history to life; and

**WHEREAS**, through this program, teachers, students, parents, and citizens can learn more about Mississippi's rich cultural heritage:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 22, 2002, as

**STATE QUARTER DAY IN THE CLASSROOM**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage schools to celebrate this honor and use this quarter in their classrooms to explore the history and heritage of our great 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, October 22, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR